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On The Korean War Front

Uncanny Christmas Week Stalemate

By SELKIRK PANTON

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The uncanny Christmas week stalemate on the South-North Korean border continued tonight without any Chinese Communist forces being seen near the 38th Parallel.

Tokyo CHQ intelligence officers, already puzzled by the Chinese failure to exploit the northern break-through, were further mystified in the past 24 hours.

Strong Australian and American patrols with mortars, trucks and radio vans penetrated deep into the 70-mile No Man's Land between the Chinese Reds and the United Nations' forces below the Parallel.

They reported they saw no evidence of any Chinese troops, regular North Koreans or even guerrillas, though the patrols probed 100 miles north-east of the present United Nations' lines.

OBSERVERS WARY

Military observers in Tokyo, however, regarded the lull with a similar "All quiet" preceded the Chinese Reds' intervention in the drive by the United Nations' forces northwards, resulting in the United Nations' debacle.

They stress tonight, that quite apart from the known Chinese Communist forces swarming southwards, the North Korean army has now recuperated from its smashing

defeat and now totals at least 150,000 trained soldiers ready for a drive southward.

But so far there is no sign of any aggressive intentions against the south beyond the steady build-up of supplies and materials especially in the centre of the 38th Parallel front.

In Seoul, the jittery South-Korean capital and the first objective of any Chinese drive southwards, "Execution hill," scene of recent mass executions has been quiet since the Western front during the past 24 hours.

For the first time yesterday, faced with the rising tempers of British and United States soldiers, the tiny South Koreans armed with carbines failed to execute hand-tied men and women "Communists" on the edge of freshly dug trenches in full view of the United Nations' men.

But last night Dr Syngman Rhee, South Korean President, announced he had ordered the speed up of trials of alleged Fifth Columnists and the execution of any death sentences pending to the general military situation and the shortage of prison cells.

20 Dead On Missing Aircraft

Madras, Dec. 19.

A search party today reached the wreckage of the Air India plane that crashed in heavy fog over a mountain last Wednesday, and said the 20 passengers and crew members were dead.

The plane disappeared on Wednesday night shortly before it was due at Coimbatore on a flight from Bangalore.

The search party had to wait for a break in the weather before beginning their long climb up the mountain to where the plane crashed.—United Press.

Mid-Air Collision: 30 Killed

Saigon, Dec. 19.

Thirty French officers and men were killed on Monday in the air collision of two French Air Force transports in a training flight over the French Naval base at Tourane.—Associated Press.

Parcels For The Boys



Christmas mail for the British troops in Korea has already been despatched from London. The government is allowing one Christmas parcel up to three pounds in weight to be sent post free to each man serving in the British forces in Korea. Here we see one of the staff of the special army post office handling the troops' mail.—London Express Service.

General Wu Has A Xmas Greeting For People Of America

Lake Success, Dec. 19.

Communist China's Wu Hsiu-chuan ridiculed United Nations cease fire efforts today as "trickery and a plot" in a farewell statement before leaving the United Nations for home.

But, with a rare smile, he wished the American people "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"We believe that only by striving for the cessation of the war may we obtain a real cease fire," Wu said in his statement at Idlewild airport.

The Chinese Communists are insisting on their own terms to end the fighting but the UN has rejected that demand and has set up a three-man committee to try to work out a cease-fire agreement. Little hope is held that this committee will be successful.

"Any device which reverses this process (the Chinese plan) is nothing but a trickery and a plot," Wu continued. "Although our peace proposal to stop the war was rejected by the Anglo-American ruling circles without due consideration, we are not in despair. We shall continue to strive for peace."

Wu referred to the defeat in the Security Council of a proposal put up by him and sponsored by the Soviet Union calling for the United States to stop aggression against Formosa and China and for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

Last Saturday he told a special news conference that the UN cease-fire moves were a "trick" to tie the hands of Communist Chinese "volunteers" and that Communist China is standing by its demands, backed by the Russians, for the UN forces to leave Korea and for the US to pull out of Formosa. The United States and other UN forces have rejected such demands and the deadlock continues.

A three-man UN Committee seeking to work out a cease-fire will continue its efforts despite the two strong statements from Wu and no word from Peking.—Associated Press.

First Since Pearl Harbour

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.

The first Japanese ship to dock at a United States east coast port since Pearl Harbour tied up here today with a cargo symbolic of Japan's changed position.

The 7,167-ton Pacific Maru, carried 6,000 tons of scrap metal, an item for which Japan scoured the world in her military heyday. She brought the scrap from Kure, Japan.

The Pacific Maru is also the first Japanese vessel to go through the Panama Canal since the war with Japan, and will be the first Japanese ship to make a round the world trip since the end of the war. She will take on a coal shipment here for Antwerp and will load cargo in Europe for the Far East.—Associated Press.

Hopes Of Some Relief From Total US Exports Ban

GOVT. APPEALS TO HK MANUFACTURERS

Reports from Washington today indicate that the Commerce Department is prepared to reconsider the total export embargo imposed against American materials and commodities destined for Hongkong.

Reuter this morning quoted a Commerce Department spokesman as saying that America intends to lift the ban on exports to Communist countries sufficiently to allow shipment of goods to Hongkong and Macao for "minimum essential civilian requirements." The spokesman added that the recent ban was in the interests of American security, but he added that America had no desire to strangle the colony of Hongkong.

However, he commented, the United States was not going to allow the shipment of large quantities of supplies which might be transhipped to Communist China.

In Hongkong this morning the Government PRO released a statement from the Director of Commerce and Industry. Here is the text:

The Director of Commerce and Industry stated today that circulars were being sent to all known manufacturers in this Colony calling upon them to assist Government in its efforts to obtain essential raw materials by completing returns showing monthly requirements and existing stocks.

Government has much valuable information on record in respect of the vast majority of factories, but it has been decided to call for further information with view to checking such records.

The Director expects to receive the co-operation of the factories in this measure and intimated that any factory which attempts to gain an advantage by furnishing incorrect returns would receive little sympathy.

Managers of factories not receiving copies of the circulars before 8 a.m. on December 23, should call at the Trade Branch of the Department of Commerce & Industry on the 2nd floor of the Fire Brigade Building on that day when copies will be distributed to them.

LONDON REACTION

The China Mail's London correspondent this morning called that the American decision to restrict trade with Hongkong in an effort to prevent American goods finding their way into Communist China has caused deep concern in London. The Colonial Secretary is in consultation with the Hongkong Government to decide what steps should be taken in view of this action and to discuss the possibility of bringing about a compromise solution.

Meanwhile the Hongkong Government's request that the strongest representations should be made to the United States

40 Aircraft Search For Lost Plane

Manila, December 20.

Forty aircraft took off shortly after dawn today (Wednesday) to continue the search for a US Military Air Transport plane missing 24 hours with 37 persons on board.

When last heard from at 7.15 a.m. Manila time yesterday, the four-engine C-54 was believed approaching the rugged eastern coast of Luzon.

First planes over the search area today reported heavy clouds still prohibited search among the 5,200-foot high mountains which extend along the coast directly opposite Manila. Weather conditions were not much better over the Philippines Sea, pilots reported.

The plane was enroute from Okinawa to Clark Air Base North of Manila. According to its reported schedule, the transport should have been within 35 minutes flying time of its destination when it was last heard asking for a report on the weather at Clark Field.

Air-sea rescue planes from Guam and Okinawa, all available aircraft at Clark Field and Navy patrol planes from Sangley Point, Philippines Air Force and Philippines Air Lines planes were taking part in the search today.—Associated Press.

Action Against Hukbalahaps

Manila, Dec. 20.

The Philippine army said government troops have killed 23 Communist Hukbalahaps during the past two days.

An Army spokesman said 14 dissidents were counted dead following a major drive by four battalion combat teams in Camarino provinces of Southern Luzon.

Nine others were reported killed by a contingent of the Fifth Battalion Combat Team which encountered a group of 25 Huks about 60 miles North of Manila in Tarlac province.—Associated Press.

Partial Mobilisation In PI TO FOLLOW LEAD GIVEN BY US

Manila, Dec. 20.

The Philippines decided to follow the United States in partial mobilisation for possible war at a top level conference of policy makers at the Malacanang Palace last night, informed sources said.

No official announcement was made on topics discussed at the meeting, but sources said messages from Ambassador to the United States Joaquin Elizalde, chief delegate to the United Nations Carlos P. Romulo and mission chief Burnham Africa at Tokyo were read to the assembly.

The messages, it was reported, painted a grave picture of the international situation. As a consequence the policy-makers decided to take immediate steps to mobilise the manpower and economic resources of the islands for possible outbreak of war.

Attending in addition to Cabinet members and the Council of State (composed of some elder statesmen as well as business and financial leaders) were high ranking military officers of the Philippines and Major General Leland S. Hobbs, chief of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group. Exact steps to be taken to prepare the Philippines for war were not disclosed.—Associated Press.

ENVOY REPORTS

Washington, Dec. 19.

Mr. Alan Kirk, Ambassador to the Soviet Union, reported to President Truman today for the first time since his return from Moscow for consultation. Mr. Kirk said he plans to return to his post some time in January.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Talking Out Of Turn

It is sometimes unfortunate that Government spokesmen in the United States are apt to say more than they mean; or to say things in such a way as to leave unfortunate impressions. Take for example the Washington spokesman who opened his heart so fully to a London correspondent about his ideas of the American embargo imposed against exports to Hongkong. It has created an unhappy and quite misleading impression. The Washington Government spokesman talked as though the terms of the current embargo were irrevocable; as though they could not be modified; as though the last word had been said on the subject. Manifestly this is utter rubbish. Long before this US Government spokesman had had his say, the United States Consulate-General in Hongkong had requested Washington to clarify the embargo for the purpose of trying to obtain for this Colony modifications of the overall ban. This has since been followed up by Hongkong Government representations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting his intercession on the Colony's behalf. The official reaction to the embargo has signally indicated Government's concern over the problem, and the ready willingness of the United States Consulate to support official plea with its own unbiased appreciation of Hongkong's position is sufficient to steady confidence in the final outcome of the negotiations now

under way. There has never, at any stage, been any panic amongst local merchantmen in consequence of the sudden and all-embracing embargo. On the contrary, the local business houses, while acknowledging that a prolonged ban against all American exports to Hongkong could have a serious effect, have expressed quiet confidence that a suitable and necessary compromise can, and will be worked out. Hongkong is not afraid of the word "austerity"—of this it had experience during the Pacific War; but it sees no reason for applying the word or the phrase "minimum economic standards" at this stage. Our ordinary requirements are not extravagant—for most of the inhabitants they are meagre, and the commodities which we require from the United States can have no effect upon that nation's new economy nor can they in the slightest degree interfere with America's important defence programme. It is reasonable, therefore, not only to hope that part of the present embargo will be removed, but that Government spokesmen in Washington will, in future, more carefully choose their words when commenting on a subject of such delicacy. The United States and the British Commonwealth are aiming for complete understanding in these difficult times and we cannot allow dramatic and colourful statements from official spokesmen on any subject to prejudice that common understanding and partnership.

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Parcel Post Restrictions

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Post Office Department today placed restrictions of mail and parcel post to Hongkong, Red China, including Manchuria and Tibet, and Macao, Formosa was not affected.

The action was the result of the new export control regulations ordered by the Commerce Department.

Ordinary letters and post cards will still be accepted without export licences. Printed matter will be accepted without licences for Macao and Hongkong. Parcel post must be licensed for Hongkong, Macao and Tibet. Parcel post service to China proper has already been cancelled.—United Press.

Committee Approves Wilson Appointment

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Senate Banking Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of Charles E. Wilson, former President of General Electric Company, to be Director of Defence Mobilization. Congressman Burnett Maybank said he will ask the Senate to confirm the nomination on Wednesday.—United Press.

Schoolboy Bowlers Hit

The Combined Schools bowling was thrashed this afternoon by the Hongkong Cricket Club opening pair when, by 3.10, and after an interruption for rain, 50-100. Kingford and Major Wilson had put on 123 without loss.

Kingford had then scored 78 and Wilson 52, with three extras.

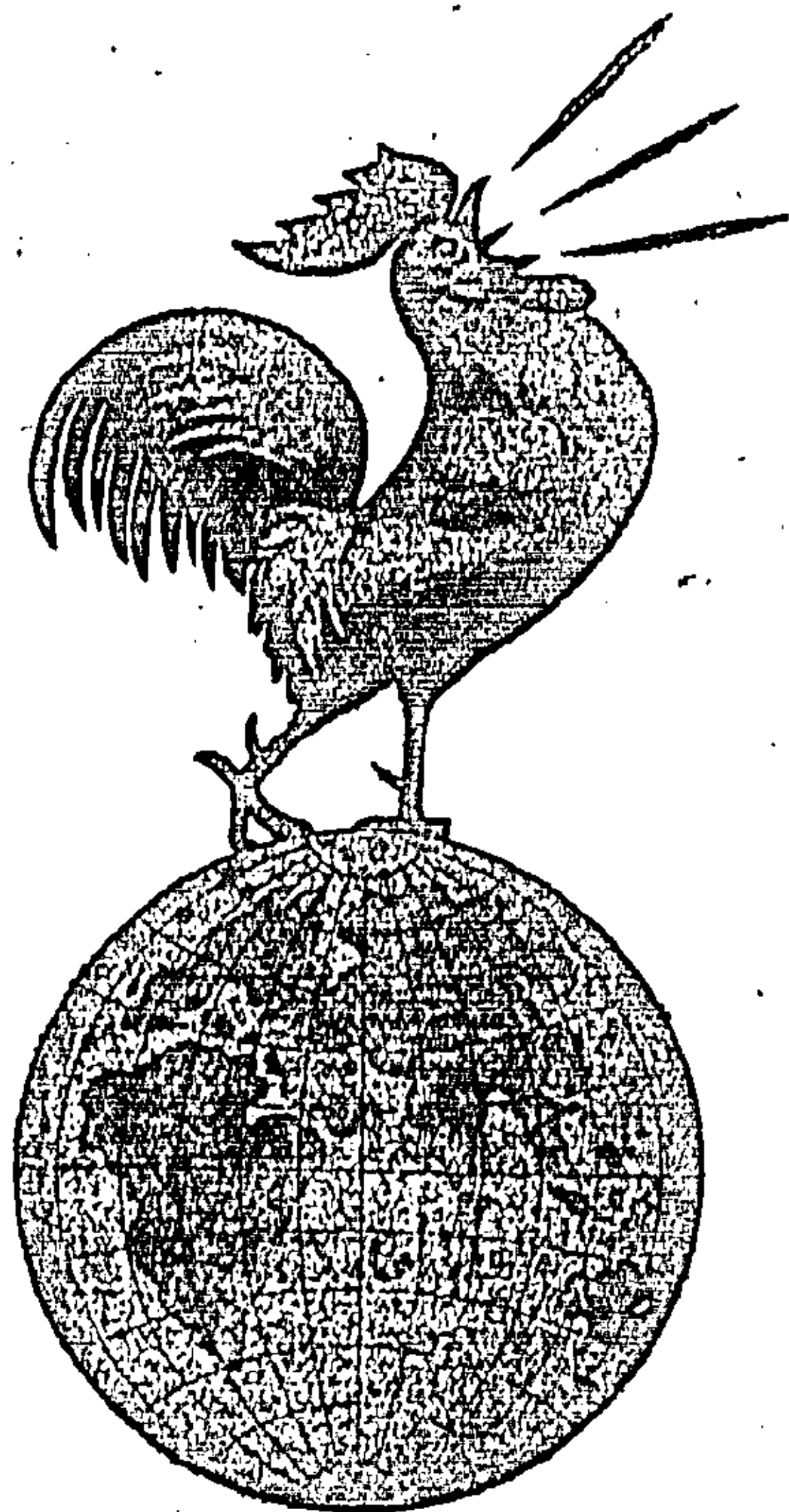
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Youngest In The Show



Eleven-year-old Yvonne Sugden, youngest competitor in the women's section of the 1950 Amateur Figure Skating Championships of Great Britain, rehearses at Empress Hall, London.—London Express Service.

"Big Three" Authorise Approach To The Bonn Government EUROPEAN DEFENCE EFFORT

Brussels, Dec. 19.

The "Big Three" Foreign Ministers have authorised the Allied High Commissioners to start negotiations with the West German Government on associating Germany with the common Western European defence effort.

The three Ministers—Mr Ernest Bevin (Britain), Mr Dean Acheson (United States) and M. Robert Schuman (France) met this afternoon at the Belgian Foreign Office immediately after the North Atlantic Council meeting.

In addition to their West German defence agreement, they also approved the text of the reply which would be sent to the Soviet note proposing a four-Power conference on Germany, according to usually well-informed quarters.

The meeting followed the conference of the full 12-nation Atlantic Council which had earlier approved the appointment of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as Atlantic Army Supreme Commander.

At the early part of the meeting the Foreign Ministers went into a super-secret session, turning all their advisers out of the room.

A spokesman said that the three Powers' reply to the Russian note would be submitted tomorrow to the Western Union Consultative Council before being sent to Moscow.

centralised control and command. "This force is to be composed of contingents contributed by the participating governments."

"The Council yesterday unanimously decided to ask the President of the United States to make available General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower to serve as Supreme Commander."

"Following receipt this morning of a message from the President of the United States that he had made General Eisenhower available, the Council appointed him."

"He will assume his command and establish his headquarters in Europe early in the new year. He will have the authority to train the national units assigned to his command and to organise them into an effective integrated defence force."

"He will be supported by an international staff drawn from the nations contributing to the force."

BOARD'S FUNCTIONS
"The Council, desiring to simplify the structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to make it more effective, asked the Council Deputies to initiate appropriate action."

"In this connection the Defence Committee, meeting separately on December 18, had already taken action to establish a Defence Production Board with greater powers than those of the Military Production and Supply Board which it superseded."

"The new Board is charged with expanding and accelerating production and furthering the mutual use of the industrial capacities of the member nations."

"The Council also reached unanimous agreement regarding the part which Germany might assume in the common defence."

"The German participation would strengthen the defence of Europe without altering in any way the purely defensive character of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation."

"The Council invited the Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States to explore this matter with the Government of the German Federal Republic."

"The decisions taken and the measures contemplated have the sole purpose of maintaining and consolidating peace. The North Atlantic nations are determined to pursue this policy until peace is secure."—Reuter.

Europe's Morale Boosted

London, Dec. 19.

European morale received its biggest boost in months today with the news that General Dwight Eisenhower would be back soon as Supreme Allied Commander. Newspapers throughout Western Europe gave banner headlines to the appointment and officials hailed it as the most important single step that could be taken to harden plans to resist Communism.

General Eisenhower is expected to choose headquarters near Paris shortly after the beginning of the year. Observers pointed out that it would be bad psychology for him to choose England as it might imply the Atlantic powers did not intend to make their main stand on the Continent.

The only reserve shown about General Eisenhower's appointment was in Germany. Officials said they were pleased to have the top-flight military job filled, but, as one said, "You must remember Eisenhower's name has not always had a happy connotation here, not because of his war record at all, but because of the months afterward—the first months of military government. But it would be best if we could forget this now. Maybe the General will have to forget this too."

The London Evening Standard said, "General Eisenhower is a combination of the qualities his post demands."

Stockholm newspapers said the pace of the North Atlantic defence organisation should be stepped up as quickly and effectively as possible.

The influential Paris newspaper Le Monde said in an editorial: "For the French people, his presence at the head of the Atlantic coalition is a guarantee the work will be well done, in a spirit of cordiality and fraternity of arms."—United Press.

French Quit Tonkin Post

Saigon, Dec. 19.

The French outpost at Dinh-lap, 90 miles northeast of Hanoi, has withdrawn several miles to the southeast to enable the French forces to defend a more suitable terrain, a French military spokesman here said today.

In Cochinchina, French troops killed 27 Vietnamese and captured 42, he said. The French authorities thought the Vietnamese had lost 50 killed and 100 wounded in the Quang-trung sector, where clearing operations have been going on for the past week.

The evacuation of Dinh-lap by the French was announced on October 30. They had re-occupied it the day after—Reuter.

US Air Force Call-Up

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Air Force announced today that it would call five Air National Guard and a number of supporting units into Federal service in February.

Most National Guard air groups are fighter organisations, with about 75 planes to a group.

Five Guard groups were called up in October.—Reuter.

Russia Building Submarine Fleet

London, Dec. 19.

The new edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" said today that Russia was building the greatest undersea fleet in history—a vast armada that might eventually total 1,500 modern submarines.

The 1950-51 edition of the "bible of the world's navies" also noted "persistent reports" that the Soviet surface fleet eventually would include seven to nine battleships, possibly designed as launching platforms for deadly guided missiles.

The new Jane's ranked the aircraft-carrier ahead of the battleship in its authoritative listing of the world's fleets, but said so far as was known there were no "flat tops" in the Russian navy.

war. It said Russia at present had 350 to 370 submarines in active service, 120 under construction and 1,000 more in the planning stage. Listed among Russia's latest submarine designs was the L-type Schnorkel, with a cruising range of 7,000 miles—a craft that could cross the Atlantic Ocean and return without refuelling or coming to the surface.—United Press.

"There is no confirmation of the report that Russia is to build three aircraft-carriers of 25,000 tons," it said.

At least six Russian battleships were in service, it added, "and the construction of one to three battleships is persistently reported."

It pointed out that new drawings of the 37,000-ton Russian battleship Sovyetskii Soyuz indicated the addition of two towers to the ship's superstructure, possibly launching platforms for giant guided missiles. Jane's made it clear that Russia was placing top emphasis on building a mighty submarine armada which might be able to drive superior surface fleets from the seas in time of war.

Portuguese Ports Open To Japanese

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

The Government of Portugal has granted blanket clearance to the Japanese merchant fleet to enter and clear from all ports and harbours of Portuguese colonies in Africa, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

With this clearance approval, Japanese shipping is authorised to enter the ports of about 35 nations in Africa, Central and South America, Europe, North America, including Canada and the United States, and most of the nations of the Far East.

The ports of Beira and of Lourenco Marques in Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, and the harbours of Kabinda and Angola in Portuguese West Africa will be the principal ports of call for Japanese shipping, the announcement said.

A specific clearance was also announced for Jidda (Jeddah) in Saudi Arabia by General MacArthur's headquarters for a vessel of the Shen Nippon Steamship Company Ltd., which will leave this month with a cargo of 6,000 metric tons of cement.

It has also been confirmed by the Union of South Africa that Japanese merchant shipping may call at the Union of South Africa ports for loading, discharging and bunkering, the headquarters added.—Reuter.

A Defence Production Board with wide powers would be established and a supreme leader on the production side comparable to General Eisenhower's military command would be appointed.

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GERMANY'S PART

The Council also announced that American and French forces in Germany would come under the Supreme Command. Furthermore, Germany would assume a part in the common defence.

A spokesman said that a plan had been approved authorising the creation of German tactical air units to support German combat teams in the Atlantic army.

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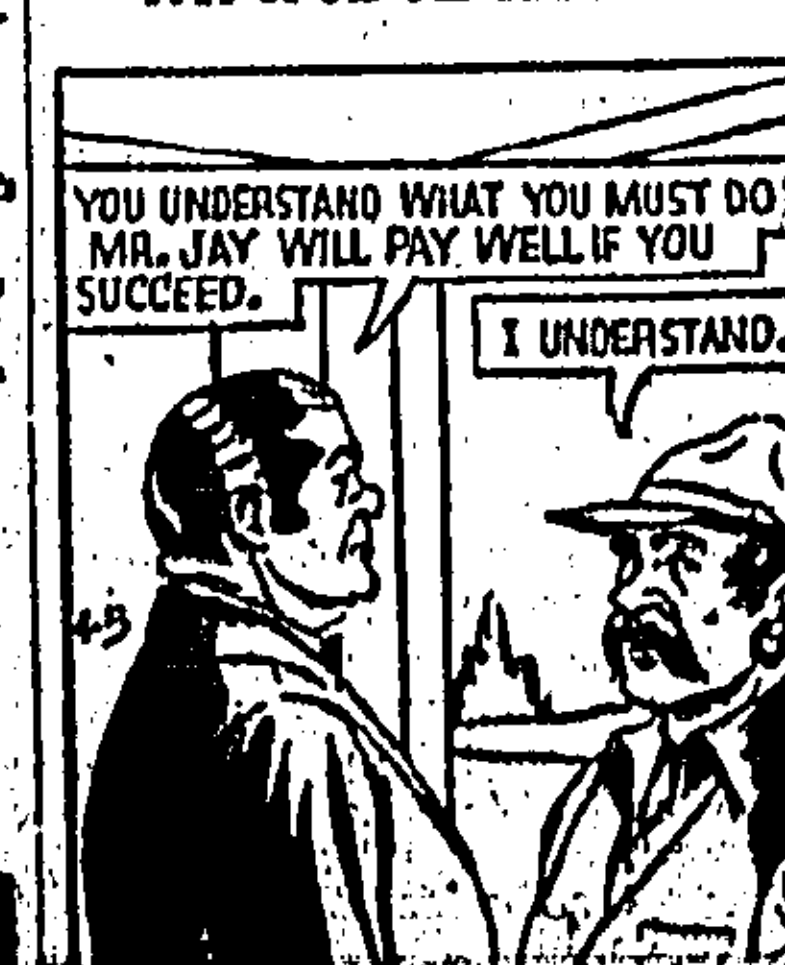
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Roads Littered With Pilgrims' Corpses

Shah's Fiancee Stricken

Teheran, Dec. 19. Beautiful 18-year-old Soraya Esfandari was stricken with fever on Tuesday, during the last week before her scheduled marriage to the Shah of Persia.

Court circles said Miss Esfandari contracted typhoid shortly after she arrived here last month but that she recovered. It was feared she had suffered a relapse.

Court circles said Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was extremely upset over his bride-to-be's latest illness and was ready to postpone the elaborate ceremony pending for Dec. 27, if necessary. — United Press.

Crowds Rush From Affected Area

Calcutta, Dec. 19. Roads to the village of Rantalai were littered today with the putrid corpses of pilgrims who had travelled to seek miraculous cures from a shepherd boy and had died of cholera.

Officials said at least 500 persons had been fatally stricken with the dreadful disease. They were the last of 250,000 people who have tailed into the remote hills of Orissa province in the last six months for a universal panacea dispensed by a 12-year-old boy, Nepal Baba.

For months the young shepherd has been distributing the bark of a tree to the lame, blind, deaf, mute and ill. Believers swore it possessed miraculous powers that cured everything from leprosy to ingrown toenails.

AMERICANS FORCED TO FALL BACK

Tokyo, Dec. 20. American rearwards fell back in face of relentless Communist pressure on Tuesday into the besieged city of Hungnam and its five-mile waterfront.

The United States Third Division abandoned Yonpo airport outside Hungnam on Sunday. By Tuesday, the hammer blows of massed Chinese and North Korean forces had pounded the Americans back into the Hungnam pocket only two miles deep and five miles long.

"This is no Dunkirk beachhead because we hold air and fire advantages," United Press correspondent Jack Burby reported. "There is no panic. The men of the Third Division are confident." Mines, booby traps and barbed wire tangles littered the ground yielded to the Communists in a series of withdrawals into Hungnam.

The Yanks believed that they were outnumbered at least two to one on front lines, Burby reported, and the Reds could throw in 11 divisions in the beachhead area.

United States forces methodically pounded every possible Communist attack around the clock with howitzers, self-propelled guns, heavy mortars, anti-aircraft and also Naval guns. — United Press.

Radio Aids To Enemy In Wartime

Washington, Dec. 19. Defence officials asked the Congress tonight for authority for President Truman to control radio television stations if necessary to prevent the enemy from using their signals to guide planes or missiles to targets in the United States.

Air Force officials said that in case of an imminent air attack radio stations either might be turned off or "manipulated" to destroy their usefulness as navigational aid to enemy planes and missiles.

The Assistant Defence Secretary, Marx Levin, sent the draft of the proposed sweeping legislation to the Chairman of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees. — United Press.

Truman Powers Approved

Washington, Dec. 19. The House Judiciary Committee unanimously approved President Truman's request for emergency war powers and Administration leaders hoped to get the bill through the House on Wednesday.

In the Senate, however, Republican Herbert Taft said he will oppose efforts to rush the bill through this Congress. — United Press.

Nepal Baba was said to have been entrusted with distribution of the bark by a mysterious holy man, who himself had used it to cure the young shepherd of fever.

The holy man was said to have given Nepal the secret of preparing the drug and the religious rites which follow consumption of the powdered bark.

By the thousands, men, women and children have streamed into Rantalai on foot, ox-cart, mules, buses, trains and, during the past few weeks, by plane. Cholera broke out in Orissa province two weeks ago but still they came.

POWDER A FRAUD

Rantalai was not able to cope with the hordes seeking food and a place to sleep. A glass of water sold for 1/10. Medical and sanitation facilities were non-existent.

The deadly cholera germ was carried to the home of the miracle boy. The authorities, alarmed at the outbreak, instituted an investigation.

A medical committee which tested 1,500 cases, announced that the magic powder has not brought even the slightest relief in any case of serious disability or ailment.

PANIC EXODUS

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Men and women were battered down as they scrambled to get aboard trains. Latest reports said the cholera outbreak was spreading like wildfire. — United Press.

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Men and women were battered down as they scrambled to get aboard trains. Latest reports said the cholera outbreak was spreading like wildfire. — United Press.

Russians Clamp On Controls

Berlin, Dec. 19. The Russians have clamped stiff security controls on Soviet-occupied Germany in an apparent effort to halt the leakage of information to the West, according to reports from behind the Iron Curtain tonight.

The controls were apparently designed especially to prevent German anti-Communists from carrying news of the Eastern Zone into the Western sectors of Berlin. Recent reports of increased police activity in the East Zone, the intensified checking of travel documents on Berlin-bound trains and the sentencing of 11 German "spies" to death appeared to support reports of a stricter Soviet news blackout.

Despite the new ruling precautions, some informants are still able to make their way from the Soviet Zone to Berlin. They report that the Russian troops are carrying out routine duties, showing no sign that they are disturbed by talk of rearmament in the West. They said also that shipment of reparations to Russia had been speeded up recently on orders from Moscow.

Trains loaded with goods, precision instruments and heavy electrical equipment leave for Russia daily from such leading cities as Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz. — United Press.

GERMAN SOCIALIST ADAMANT

Hanover, Dec. 19. Dr Kurt Schumacher, West German Social Democratic leader, said tonight that his Party would reject the Brussels decisions as long as the Allies failed to provide sufficient Allied troops to protect West Germany.

The Socialist leader said that the German contribution to Western defence could have no effect on the acute danger from the East since a German military contribution would need several years to prepare.

For the whole period of their rearmament the Germans would not be in a position to defend themselves and Allied troops were insufficient to protect them.

The Allies must display understanding in return for German goodwill, Dr Schumacher said.

The Brussels communique was handed to Dr Schumacher during a Party meeting in Hanover.

Earlier, he told the meeting, "We have the courage to say no now. We will also have the courage to say yes if conditions change."

"We want no national army but we accept an international army only if the others also no longer have national armies."

"One cannot defend oneself with men who are only half free." — Reuter.

Thirsty Dockers

Adelaide, Dec. 19. Dockers at Port Adelaide refused to load beer consigned to Western Australia on an interstate liner.

They said that it was wrong to export beer when local hotels were short of it. — Reuter.

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Lawrence Rejected Bank Post
Lord Rennell, at the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in London, read a letter he had received as a "go-between" from T. E. Shaw (Lawrence of Arabia) declining an offer by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Montagu Norman, as he then was, in November 1934, to become secretary of the Bank.
Lawrence, who knew that in the following February, "the RAF would go on its way without me," wrote: "I shall feel unutterably lost without my blue covering. Twelve years it has been, of engrossing work with a very happy companionship for the off duty hours... Forty-six I am and never yet had a whole week of leisure. What will 'for ever' feel like, and can I use it all?"
After referring to the cottage at Cloude Hill, Moreton, Dorset, into which he was about to move, Lawrence added: "Now to business. That enclosed message ought to have been instantly dealt with by a plain 'Yes' or 'No.' Will you please say 'No' for me, but not a plain 'No.' Make it a coloured 'No.' Explain that I have a chance (if only I have the guts to take it) of next year possessing all my time."
Lord Rennell explained that the late Lord Norman thought, as some of those present might think, that a man possessing Lawrence's qualities would have well filled the post. Had he accepted the offer they might have had him as their president that evening.

DEVICE WILL HEAR FISH
Inshore fishermen may soon be getting better catches by sound.
After 18 months' research, a new British echo-sounder has been produced which, it is claimed, will detect the presence of herring, sprats or pilchards.
The instrument costs £310. It is housed in a box not much larger than a biscuit tin.
When it is switched on fishermen get a constantly changing "picture" of underwater conditions up to 120 fathoms.
Shoals of fish show as a heavy black smudge on the screen.

A British Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Feast
5 Reprobation
8 Metric measure
9 Spasmodic
10 Diminish
11 Mediterranean island
12 Flag
13 Willow
16 Grieve at
18 Shuns
20 Fight
22 Worry
23 Discovers
25 Lariat
26 Festival
27 Spirit

DOWN
20 Distributed
21 Ranked
1 Is enough
2 Servant
3 Mineral salt
4 Expanded
5 Speakers
6 Adulterate
7 Loosen
14 Repeats
15 Replaced
16 Sympathy
17 Well-bred
18 Slave
21 Hunt
24 Auction

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Drum, 7 Major, 8 Elan, 9 Flaw, 10 Epicure, 12 Slam, 15 Opera, 18 Erso, 19 Llama, 21 Trade, 22 Fled, 23 Talon, 26 Omen, 29 Retinue, 30 Anew, 31 Ring, 32 Knead, 33 Sham; Down: 1 Happy, 2 Concord, 4 Ruler, 5 Mews, 6 Gala, 9 Free, 11 Upset, 13 Load, 14 Mont, 15 Allot, 17 Otto, 18 Ease, 20 Lenient, 22 Flew, 24 Arena, 25 Rural, 27 Main, 28 Naga.

CLEARING THE AIR OF 'SPIRITS'

With the smoke almost blinding them and the noise shattering their eardrums, about 50 members of the Christmas Shooting Society fire their ancient blunderbusses near Berchtesgaden, Germany. They are supposed to be clearing the air of "evil spirits" for the Yule season.

THE COL. AND THE PTE.
SERVED NEARLY 100 YRS.
By J. W. Taylor
The Army is to lose two veterans who between them have had nearly 100 years of service. They are Lieutenant-Colonel Quartermaster George Hedley Watson, of Hull, who has retired after 43 years' service, and Private A. ("Old Nick" to his friends) Carter, of Cophorne Barracks, Shrewsbury, who, the Army says, must retire next January, when he will have completed 50 years' service with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Private Carter, who is the oldest serving soldier in the British Army, was recently honoured when the whole Regiment paraded at the barracks whilst Major General J. M. L. Grover presented him with a silver tankard and an illuminated address. Four former commanding officers of the Regiment were on parade to salute him.

Tramps' King Goes Home
Tramping the roads of Britain again after a year's Continental tour is Fred Husbands, self-styled King of Tramps.
It is a somewhat different Mr. Husbands, however, for he now calls himself Frederick G. Kendall-Husbands, World Pilgrim No. 1, and sports a red beard.
Before he left Britain he walked 150,000 miles since 1936. He wrote a "Tramps' Charter," advocating new legislation for the men of the roads, and sent it to the Minister of Health.
While abroad he took to writing poetry. In Rome he claimed to have had a personal audience with the Pope as a result of which he is now a missionary among the tramps of Britain.
"I left Dover with 36 shillings in my pocket at the end of 1949," he said. "I walked 12,000 miles in Europe and can now speak fluent Italian. What I want now is a place of silence where I can write in peace. I shall possibly have to go to Ireland to find it. My book will be called 'Tramping Through Britain Under Socialism.'"
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IN TWO WARS
Lieutenant Colonel Watson served in two world wars and was taken prisoner by Rommel in North Africa. After serving in the 1914 war in France, when he was commissioned in the field and became a captain, he returned to England. Later he rejoined the Army as a private in the 4th East Yorkshires and was again commissioned, finally rising to Lieutenant-colonel quartermaster—one of three in the British Army—in 1947.
He was at Dunkirk, later went to the Middle East, and in 1942 was captured by Rommel at Gazala. Within five minutes of being made prisoner, he and another officer were interviewed by Rommel, who asked them several questions.
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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE
A Wonderful House Indeed
—The Worm Could Add a Room Just By Eating—
By MAX TRELL

Blinky Mole was entertaining a group of his friends in his underground apartment (it was under the roots of the old Apple Tree), and the talk turned to the different kind of houses that folks lived in.
"Of course," Blinky himself said as he looked around and smiled at Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the turned-about names, who were sitting with all the other company—Willy Toad, and Blackie Beetle, and Glive the Snail, and two or three pill-bugs, doodle-bugs and earthworms—"of course, Knarf and Hanid, I'm not talking about the regular houses that people live in. I don't mean houses with roofs and walls and windows and doors and furnaces and wallpaper and carpets and pictures on the walls. I mean creatures' houses—houses like the one I'm living in now."
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The film star who's bored with clothes



ZETTERLING

FILM star uninterested in clothes is Swedish-born Mai Zetterling. The credit for her smart clothes on stage, screen and in her private life belong to designer Nina Margo. Mai likes to wear pretty clothes, but when it comes to planning them she "couldn't care less." Latest creation for studio wear is a calf-length brilliant blue tartan wool housecoat. For extra warmth there is a large matching stole—an idea, this, to copy for draughty winter evenings at home.

Party manner



Mai, married to dancer Tuttle Lemkow, faces the problem of all career women: how to divide her life fairly between her job and the home. At present the job is winning hands down while she films all day and plays six nights a week and two matinees. Only on Sundays does she get home to Hertfordshire and her two babies, five-year-old Ethel and three-year-old Louis.

Mai's housekeeper is free every other Sunday and that is the busiest day of Mai's hectic week. But in the midst of housework and looking after the children, Mai finds time for cooking the family's favourite Swedish specialty Koldolmar, which is really hamburgers very finely chopped, rolled in cabbage leaves and fried.

Man who exercises in the bath—

...is Mr T. R. Tognia, who claims that his special form of exercise keeps him fit enough at 77 to run 81 yards easily in 12 seconds.

Twelve years of experiments have convinced him that exercises performed in water produce practically no increase in the pulse rate, and hence put no strain on the heart. They are, therefore, ideal for elderly people or those whose health debars them from athletics, says Mr Tognia.

His theories on exercise, explained by Sir Leonard Hill, FRS, in a recent issue of the British Medical Journal, are the subject of a book called Exercises in the Bath.

His exercises include leg and arm bending, trunk raising, waist rolling and face exercises, which Mr Tognia believes are especially beneficial to women, and do far more than creams and lotions to maintain the youthful, smooth and elastic quality of the skin.

Woman who hates diamonds—

...is Lady Balcon, wife of film producer Sir Michael Balcon and mother of actress Jill Balcon.

That doesn't mean that Lady Balcon doesn't like jewellery. She does; but always coloured stones. One of her prettiest sets is a brooch and ear-clip of mixed blue, green and red stones, shaped like baskets of flowers. She wears these with simple country tweeds in her favourite vague, misty colours, which start her friends asking: "Is that grey, blue or green?"

Lady Balcon runs the business end of the family's modern farm in Sussex. Her other interest is the new Museum of Costume, which will open in a Regency house in Cumberland Place in time for the Festival.

It is based on the collection belonging to Mrs Doris Langley Moore, which she is presenting to the nation. The collection makes its last public appearance before entering the Museum at a Matinee at the New Theatre when a two-centuries fashion pageant will be staged, with Queen Elizabeth II in the audience. Recent gifts to the Museum are the Dior dress that Mme. Massigli wore for her State visit to London, and a Boer nightdress of white cambric sent from South Africa.

Queen Mary has promised a gift. The committee are hoping it will be a toque or parasol.

Designer with a flair for the eccentric—

...is Parisienne Schiaparelli. Her mid-season collection

features vivid, spring colour combinations. A bright turquoise coat appears over a geranium jersey dress and an orange coat worn over a shaded tan and brown frock.

Coats are very simply cut, something like surplices, and contain brilliant contrasts. Frocks are asymmetrically cut, slim-fitting, and look as if they are worn back to front.

Accessories include stiffened satin snoods and corset-like belts in gay colours.

One of the world's smartest women, who buys many of her clothes from Schiaparelli, is the Duchess of Windsor. In a New York restaurant recently she wore a dramatic black, broad-shouldered coat, lined with white wool, and an enormous choker of diamonds. The Duchess also brought from Paris a tweed travelling costume in RAF blue.

From Maximilian, American fur designer the Duchess has ordered one of the latest capesoles in Starlight mink.

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New Yorkers with ideas are Shirley Wolf and McCreery. McCreery is a Fifth Avenue store, which has introduced two-size shoes for the woman whose feet are not identical in size. Shirley Wolf is a designer who has launched a new brightly-coloured line in knitted sport sweaters, which fit low over the hips and have sequin designs for skating and skiing.

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Turkey Stuffing & Pumpkin Pie

"Everyone looks forward to turkey stuffing, Chef. So they won't be disappointed let's bake separately a panful of your good herb-sausage stuffing, and spoon it into the hollow centre of the crown roast after it's put it on the platter," remarked Mrs Bailey.

"And for a garnish I will use spiced crabapples," she continued.

"You will notice, Madame, that there is no green salad in this dinner. That is because I followed the American tradition of long ago. Personally I feel that a salad belongs to every fine dinner," replied the Chef.

"What kind of pumpkin pie did you have in mind, Chef?"

Number of Eggs
"That depends on the number of eggs the lady wishes to use. There is the 2 egg Boston pumpkin pie, the Vermont style with 3 eggs, and the Deluxe pie with 5 eggs and whipped cream."

"It's a good idea to suit the kind of pie to the pocket book. I must congratulate you, Chef, on doing a nice piece of research for this menu. But tell me, what do you mean by 'mince-trail' pie?"

"I think, Madame, that the traditional mince pie is a little too rich to go with a Christmas dinner. So I suggest the mince meat be combined with 1/3 the quantity of chopped apple or cranberries, or drained stewed apricots. This will give a mince pie taste with a light fruit flavour."

All Measurements Are Level

Sauté 1/2 lb. sausage meat 10 min. and drain off the fat. Meanwhile remove the crust from 1 loaf of day-old bread, and crumble the crumb. Add 1/2 c. hot milk, 1/2 c. fine-minced peeled onions, 1 tsp. minced parsley and 1 tsp. each dry thyme and marjoram. Stir in the sausage meat. Enough for an 8 to 10 lb. turkey.



Crepe and Lace Capelet— A Festive Cover-Up

IMAGINE making this lovely capelet from a yd. of 42" crepe and 3/4 yd. of 36" lace. Pretty, useful and flattering and a real modesty piece for wear over a too, too bare dress.

Cutting Paper Pattern: Using a piece of paper 21" x 36" long, draw pattern as follows: Divide one 36" edge in half, place A' B' is 1/8" neck plus 1/2" above A.

String to Chalk

Tie a string to a piece of chalk. Hold end of string at B; draw an arc from C through D to E. Shorten string 5" and draw another arc, as indicated by broken line—this for bottom of lace cape. Round corners on front as shown.

F is 1/4" neck to left of A, and a curved line F to B makes front neck. Draw back neck line from B to a point 1/2" to right of A. Peter Pan type collar is indicated by dotted line 2" outside neckline. G and H are each 3 1/2" to right and left of D. Draw line from B to G, and from B to H.

Blind all edges (unless you prefer to plect them) by cutting bias 1" wide from corners of crepe and using this for edges of crepe and lace.

Apply double-fold French binding. Fold bias in half lengthwise. Stitch fold on right side, raw edges together, taking very narrow seam, as at 1. Turn folded edge to wrong side and whip to position, as at 2.

Stitch two capes together at neckline. Join these permanently with a bias binding or facing.



Peter Pan Collar
Or attach Peter Pan collar which has been cut from crepe and lace—edges bound and collar put on with a narrow bias facing. Crepe may be sewn to neck edge and lace whipped over the seam.

Stitch lace over paper so it will be nice and smooth. Use a hook and eye at neckline to close.

This design is good for velvet, felt, even tweed. Can be lined or made single thickness, edges hemmed, faced, or bound with military braid.

Cut on front curved line around to G, G to B around to F. Cut back neck curve to B, B to H around E.

Use this pattern for cutting crepe, then cut on inside dotted line and use for cutting lace.

Cutting Fabric: Straighten fabric. Fold in half lengthwise. Lay pattern on fabric with centre front and centre back line on fold.

Cut out crepe cape, then lace one. Use corners of lace for collar. Lay lace over pattern and mark outline of collar.

Join and Press
Making Cape: Join shoulder seams and press seams open.

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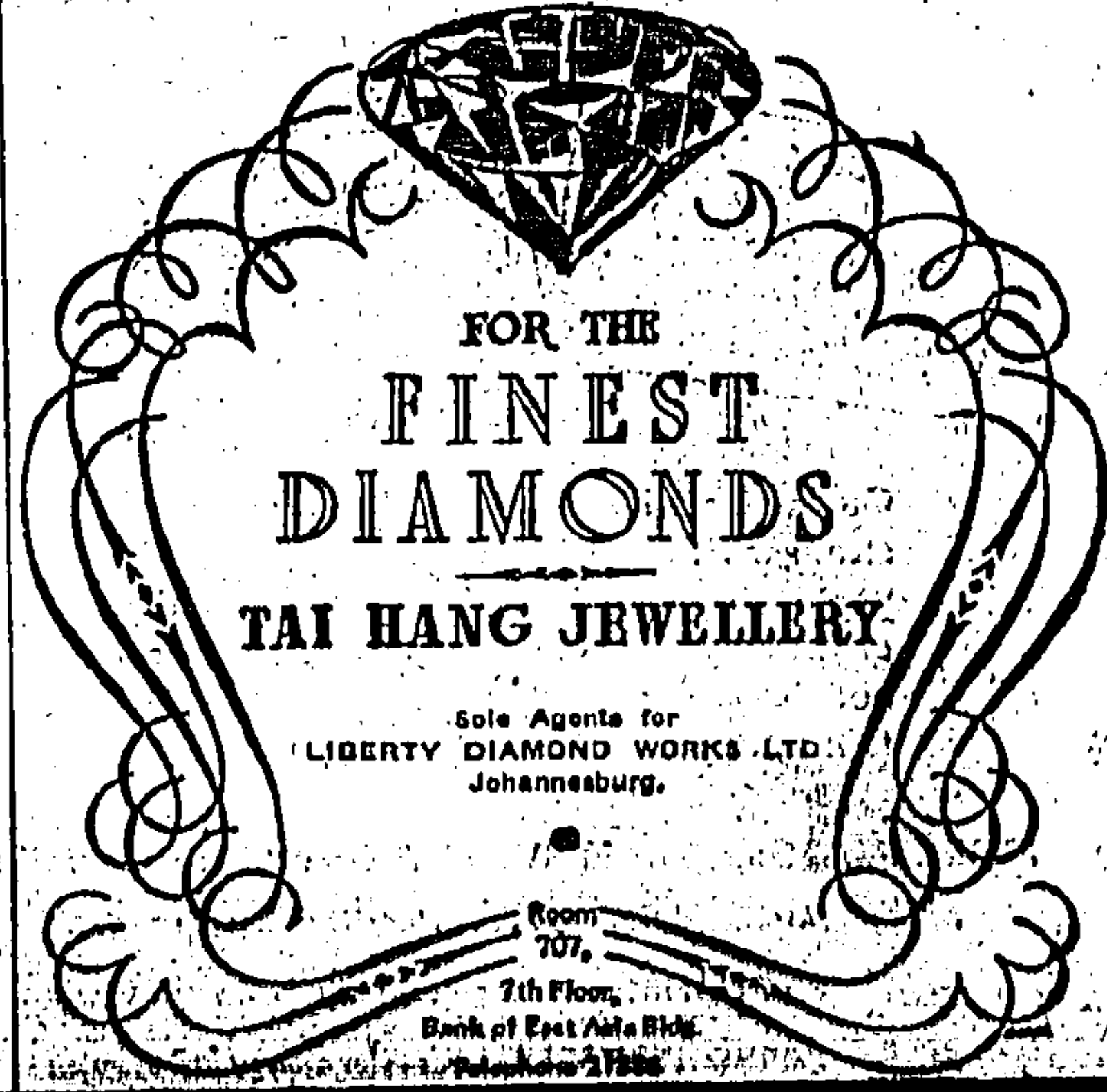
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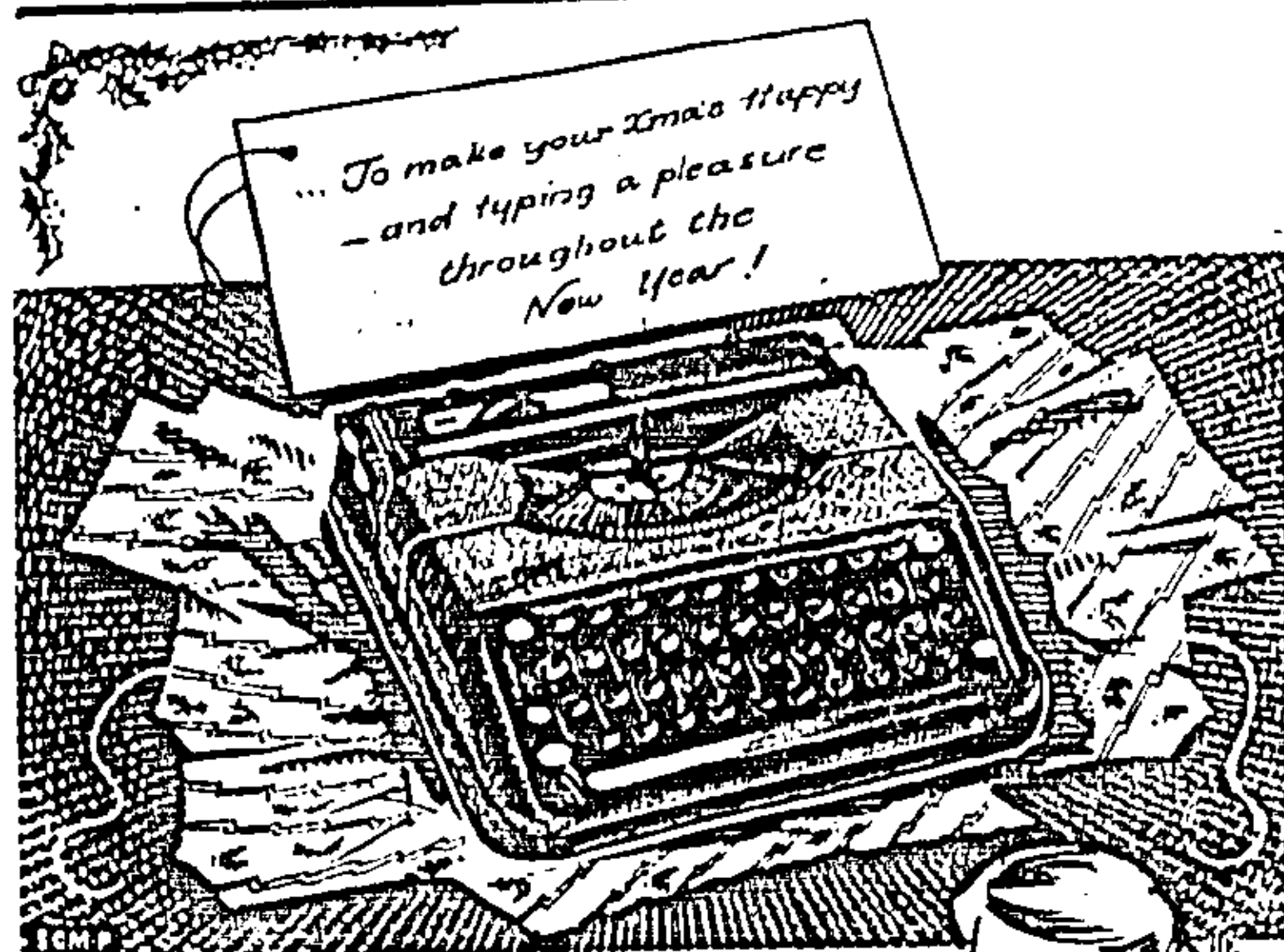


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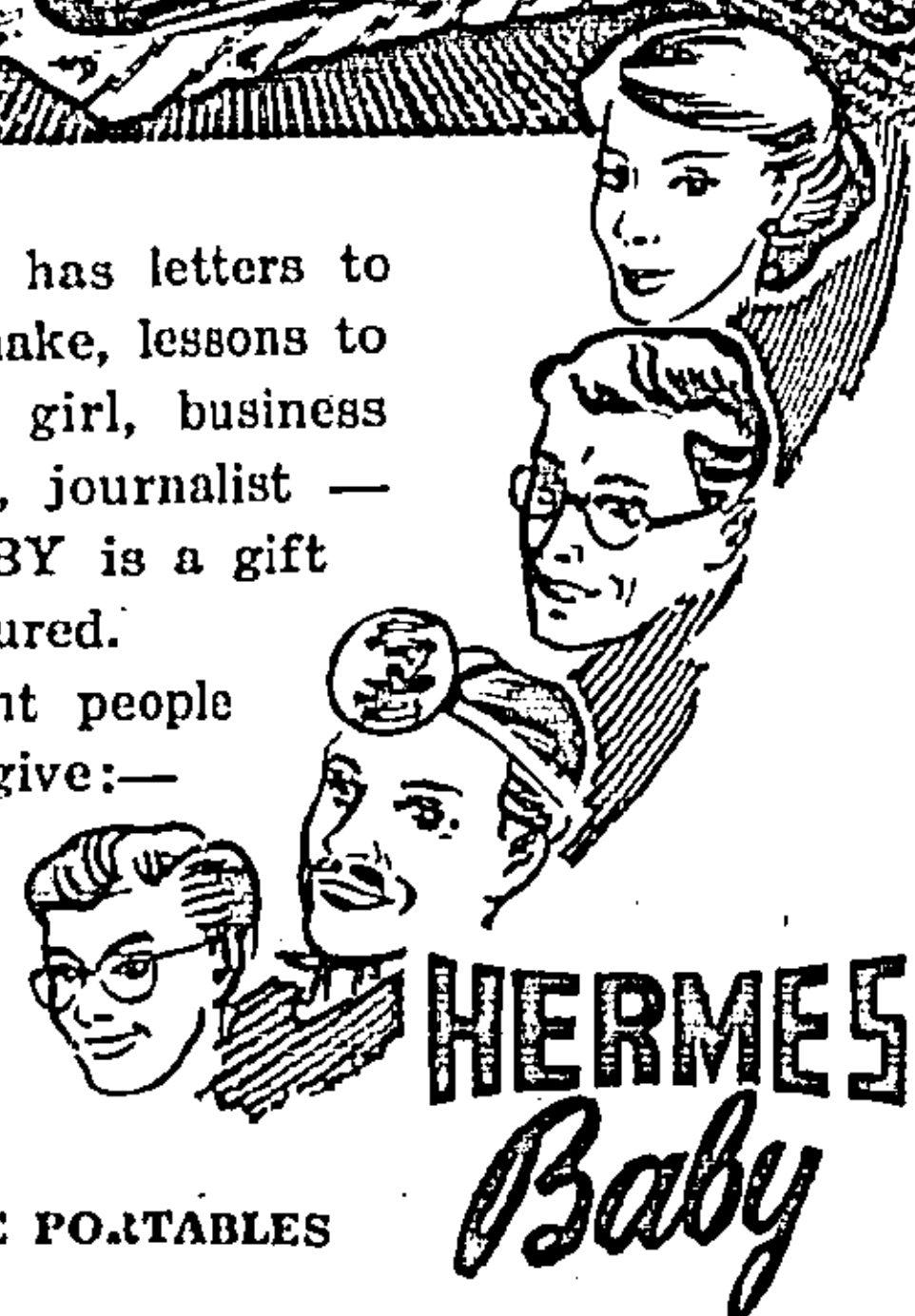
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THE MAN WHO MADE POSSIBLE TELEVISION

By J.W. TAYLOR

TELEVISION broadcast- ing in Britain is in its 21st year, although, after the first ten years of activity the war brought a closure at Alexandra Palace. What of the struggle of John Logie Baird, son of a Presbyterian parson, of Helensburgh in Scotland, the inventor, whose final experiments in colour and depth before he died two years later were halted so tragically when a flying bomb blasted his Sydenham laboratory?

From boyhood Baird displayed an inventive genius. The first telephone line he built connected his attic with four school-mates. One day a storm tore down the wires, pulling a coachman off his box. John experimented with selenium cells in the kitchen, and built a small powerhouse to supply the Bairds house with electric light. This tall, red-haired youth went on to launch a successful £10 business for the manufacture of paper socks ("cool in summer, warm in winter"), but illness obliged him to sell out and sojourn in Trinidad. In 1922 he was home again with malaria.

FLICKERING IMAGE
During convalescence at Hastings, Baird pondered over the latest technical craze of broadcasting. Why not, he mused, transmit pictures as well as sound? Despite ill-health and lack of capital, he set to work in an improvised laboratory. In two years Baird had succeeded in transmitting the flickering image of a Maltese cross over a distance of three yards by wire. He was forced to sell half interest in his incomplete invention, and moved to Frith Street, in London's Soho.

There he was really up against it, and he experienced his most difficult days. Creditors were somewhat pressing, and he had not yet succeeded in transmitting the features of a human being: just shadows and outlines. He advertised for money, a mere £50, in shares from obscure country doctors with a faith in television was insufficient for his needs, and he was obliged to seek financial assistance from home. From Scotland came the precious £500 which saved a valuable sinking ship.

WENT AHEAD
Baird went ahead. The next step was to transmit the outline of the head of an old ventriloquist's doll, and on October 2, 1925, he saw the head forming in the receiver and a greyish shadow growing into a grotesque face. He was beside himself with excitement as he rushed into an adjoining office and pounced on the nearest human for his live experiment—office boy William Taynton.

It was a trembling youth who took his place before a whirl of machinery under strong arc lights. Baird dashed into the next room and switched on, but nothing showed up. He hurried back to find that the scared lad had bent his head out of focus. A half-crown induced him once more to take up the right position, and there appeared on the magic mirror of his receiving set the full outline of the first

living human face to be televised. When a few months later the Royal Institution was invited to view the latest wonder of the world, the transmission and reception was a complete success. Baird now appeared to have arrived, with fame and fortune descending in his path. Powerful and opportunistic business interests, however, clawed on to his new proposition, and Baird reaped nothing like the reward that should have been his. It took much time and energy to persuade the public authorities to introduce television into Britain, and it was not until September 30, 1929 that television broadcasting began in Britain.

COLOUR AND DEPTH
By this time Baird had moved to Sydenham to grapple with the problem of giving television colour and depth. He worked on it through the war, and in the summer of 1944 he successfully demonstrated to a group of astonished pressmen his latest improvement by televising the portrait of Mickey Mouse in glorious technicolour. A few days later enemy action blasted his studio and ended Baird's experiments.

Two years later, Baird lay ill as the first postwar television programme from Alexandra Palace took place. It included the transmission of the Victory Parade on one of Baird's latest big sets. In a few days, Baird was dead.

SOVIET JETS: DID WE THROW AWAY OUR LEAD FOR ROUBLES?

WHEN Britain sold 55 aero engines to Russia she sold the world lead in jet engines given to her during and after the war by Air-Commodore Frank Whittle.

That is what Britain's top flying men are saying when they study the latest reports of Russia's new jet fighter seen in action against us in Korea.

The sale which now causes so much heartburning was made in 1947. Britain, aiming at a high export target, sold Stalin 55 Rolls-Royce jet engines—25 Nenes and 30 Derwentas.

These engines, a direct development of Whittle's work, were exported against the advice of the Air Ministry, and to the alarm and displeasure of the Americans.

Opposition was crushed by top-of-the-Cabinet intervention, and the sale went on. Out went Britain's secret engines; in came the rubles. But Air Ministry Intelligence chiefs continued to agitate. Suddenly without explanation and no new contracts have since been made.

The engine used in the latest Russian fighter—the MIG-15—is believed to be a copy of the Nene. This plane has swept-back wings and tail,

By Wing-Commander

PAUL RICHEY
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and appears to be capable of 700 miles an hour—fast enough to outstrip any other fighter in world service.

Only comparable machine is the American F-86 Sabre, also with swept-back wings which does 670 miles an hour.

Britain's straight-wing Meteor and Vampire and America's F-80 Shooting Star and F-84 Thunder-jet fly at about 600 miles an hour.

Russia's lead is a menace. The swept-wing fighter is recognised as the latest design yet invented. Yet Britain, although she has two swept-wing designs flying, has not ordered them, and probably will not do so.

Reason is the British Government's long-range gamble with time. It made the first throw in 1945 when it considered that there could be no war before 1950. Britain therefore decided on a stop-gap air force of medium performance aircraft, mainly for training.

Most of the available money went into research and deve-

lopment with the aim of building the world's best-equipped air force by 1950.

The date has since been brought closer. Meanwhile Russia concealed her hand. Her acquisition of British jet engines preceded a series of moves that have since startled air forces of the West. Russia's full resources are still unknown. Her airfields are isolated and closely guarded. Her anti-spy network is ruthless.

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What we do know is that she has in production:— (1) A four-jet bomber; (2) Two types of twin-jet bombers; (3) At least three types of jet fighters.

And, of course, she has the world's biggest air force—totalling 19,000 planes.

There is one heartening note. Britain and America are putting into production the most powerful jet engine yet designed, the Armstrong-Siddeley Sapphire. In the right plane—which we have yet to produce—it would comfortably outstrip the MIG-15.

But air forces are judged by power in the air, not on the bench.

TECHNICAL NOTE: There is evidence that the armament of MIG-15 includes at least one 30 mm. cannon. The British and American air forces cling to their smaller 0.5-inch and 20 mm. wartime weapons. (London Express Service.)

Sitting on the Fence....

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

LD JOE STALIN he looked down On the feast of Moujik. Commissars with awful frown Cheered them with a few kicks

Rightly they complained that night Cabbage soup was cru-el. Roared the party bosses, light, "Give the baskets gru-oo-el."

Deep depression then set in, Ivan struck his mother, Uncle Grogaki, full of gin, Shot his little brother,

Grants who remembered Czars, Lavish with their rou-bels, Shouted, "If we must be kicked, Let's be kicked by noo-oo-bels."

At the Kremlin Holy Joe Sat up at the table, Here the party bosses go, Eating all they're able. Boiled and stewed and fried and roast (Thought they were in heaven).

Caviare lay on the toast Deep and thick and ee-ee-ven. Bosses dancing up and down Drain a glass of vodka. With the ladies of the town, Holcha, hotcha Hodka.

"Give us flesh and give us wine," Cry the bosses cru-el—Moujiks, at the trough like swine. Supped their freezing gru-oo-el. In the northern paradise, Man, and man his brother, Some stay put and some get wise Doing one another.

Moujiks, dumb beneath the stars, Still ain't very clever. Under Czars or commissars They're as dumb as c-c-cv-or.

Letter to Mr. Bloodsucker

Being a letter to Mr Blood-sucker, the income-tax collector. DEAR Mr B.—I have given up counting the number of letters you have sent me during the past week. They come by every post, often two at a time. Frequently the postman catches me with one before I leave home, while another postman leaves another at my office.

Although I know from past experience that Christmas is your favourite time for making the lives of honest wage-earners miserable, while the cheats and the smart ones thumb their noses at you, I think you have surpassed yourself this year.

At first I thought you had lost everybody's address but mine and were spending your entire day writing panicky letters to me about income tax. When your imagination gave out you reached for my file and went back over the years, adding little bits here and there on taxes already paid.

It was clear that you needed some extra money badly, and it was not until I read that the Ministry of Health is supplying wages for all the bald heads in the country that I understood why.

Well, Mr B., as I am already buying dentures for hundreds of people who have been quite happy up till now tearing at steaks and skillfully picking bones with their bare gums, I think it's a bit unfair to pick on me for the wigs too.

Already I feel nervous when I see people being careless with the dentures I have bought them. Many of the old folk only use them to crack nuts with, keeping the unsightly, uncomfortable things in their pockets during meals.

When they do this I want to say, "Please don't use them on Brazil nuts. I can't afford to buy you another set."

What is going to happen to my nervous system when all the bald heads in the country have wigs on me?

I suppose my opinion in this matter doesn't count. Everything I have seems to belong to you. In fact, I might as well be married to you. But may I say that I prefer bald heads to stay bald-headed?

Baldness, particularly in the middle-aged, imparts an air of benevolence. In most cases it gives a false impression of profound intelligence. Both are pleasing pretences which harm nobody. I feel comfortable with people like that around.

Why, then, should I spend my hard-earned money buying wigs to make these kindly, wise-faced men look like a lot of insane Harpo Marxes?

Isn't the country insane enough as it is? In any case, if it must be done, why can't you find somebody else to pay for it? I could give you some names if the lawyer would let me.

Meanwhile, I hope you have a hard winter and a foul Christmas. May your wine be corked and your turkey full of maggots. May your belly be sour and your dreams haunted by devils. May there be no laughter in your house, no glad voices to give you, welcome, no bright faces round your table.

And may you be kissed under the mistletoe by Ana Pauker.

The Sweep

"WELL," said the Sweep, "eres to a merry Christmas."

"Same to you," I said. "Though it won't be art as jolly as last time."

"Go on?" I said. "Last Christmas," said the Sweep, "there was some lucky people who ad art a turkey. This time they're goin to cut them up into quarters. And very ade, too."

"Very nice." "Specially if you git the parson's nose in with your bit." "That's right."

"To say nothink of the Christmas meat bonus of art an ounce of tongue and a third of a sausage. Cor, sufficient arch-bishops, what a thing it is to be on the winnin' side after a war, ain't it?"

"Ain't it?" "If we'd been on the loain side like them there little old Germans we might ave been worse off."

"We might." "I don't think," said the Sweep. "Nor do I," I said.

"If you was to ask me," said the Sweep, "I'd say them there little old Germans are too cunning to go short of much."

"Me too," I said. "Cor, ludavuck, what a yell and a scream there'd be if Germans was expected to ave a quarter of a turkey and art an ounce of tongue for Christmas."

"Not art there wouldn't." "Cor stone the crows, you'd ave art the old ladies in England writin to the papers about it."

"You would an all." "Specially from them that live on farms and keep their own poultry."

"That's right." "All the same," said the Sweep, "you don't want to git your stomach in an uproar about it."

"My stomach ain't in an uproar," I said. "If you want to have a merry Christmas you ought to keep out of wars altogether like them there little old Argentines."

"Too true." "Then you could make a bargain to sell your meat to us and sell it to somebody else at a higher price."

"I could an all." "Like makin a gentleman's agreement." "That's right."

"With only one gentleman in it." "You said it."

"And all because you didn't give a proper welcome to Madam Peron when she come over."

"Go on?" I said. "Which only goes to show that beggars can't be choosers." "It certainly do."

"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep. "The skin off your own."

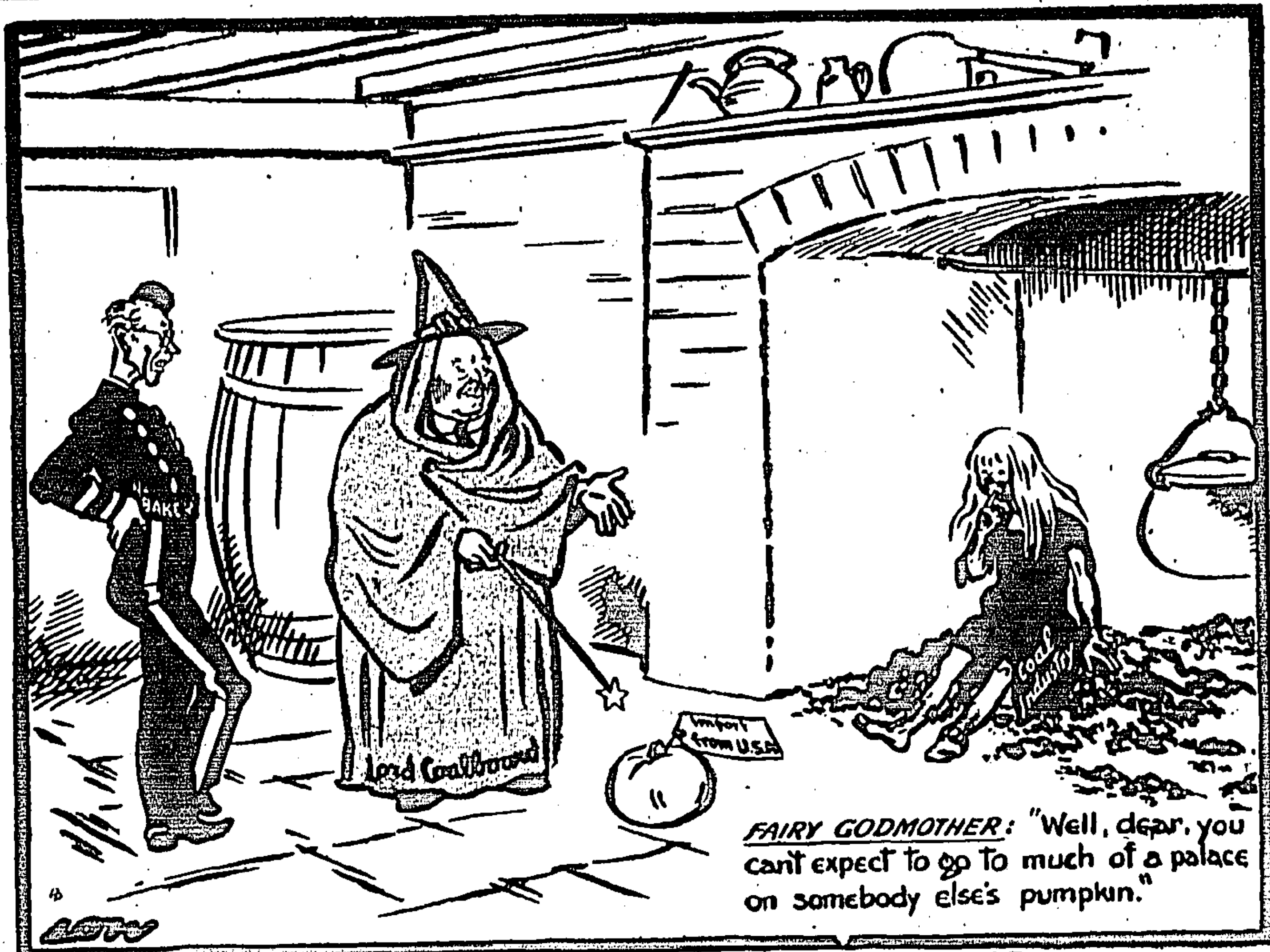
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Roman empire: from a new standpoint

By E.B. TIMOTHY

IF in two thousand years hence a colonial student of antiquity looks back to the era of British rule in the colonies, what will he say of those Britishers whose influence will still be evident? Will he follow Lawrence Waddy who, in "Pax Romana," deplors the failure of the former Roman masters of England to adapt the Roman Empire so that it could survive indefinitely? The enduring Roman Empire would have protected its provinces and its colonies from both the Dark Ages and the "chaos of modern nationalism."

"Pax Romana" (Chapman and Hall, 15s) is a history of Rome and its empire from a new standpoint. It is, new because Mr Waddy looks to Rome to answer some of the questions that face

the world today, particularly the modern anxiety caused by disunity among nations. It is new because, though he gives us an admirable summary of Rome's political and military history, he is concerned chiefly with the ideas and aims of the Romans, and their limitations. He gives the layman an intelligible picture which the specialist sometimes misses.

To the present-day student of "Empire" or "Imperialism" (according to the point of view) his account of the nature of the Roman imperial relationship is fascinating. Rome was able to introduce everywhere the idea of "city loyalty" (if it did not exist already) and, in spite of some "nationalist" outbreaks, particularly among the Jews, she was successful in preventing the growth of national loyalties. The good citizen of the Roman Empire could feel genuine loyalty to his city and to his Emperor, whatever his own "nationality" or "race."

Took Roots

Even in tribal Britain, city life took roots. The cynical Tacitus wrote of Agricola's policy in Britain: "He had the sons of chieftains educated in the so-called liberal studies. He expressed admiration for the natural ability of Britons, in contrast to the earnest efforts of Gauls. And so men who at one moment turned from the Roman tongue in disgust, with the next breath aped our eloquence—the toga appeared everywhere, and the alluresments of vice. . . . Little knowing they called this 'civilisation' when really it was part and parcel of their slavery."

But to Mr Waddy two thousand years later, it is clear that Britain was better off under the Romans than she would have been if "free."

The weakness of the Romans he finds in their lack of vision, or ultimate purpose and faith; their lack of mental originality. The fundamental weakness of their empire was the institution of slavery which destroyed the empire, also a universal degeneration which could afford no opposition to the barbarian invaders.

Disappointment

One is disappointed that Mr Waddy passes so lightly over the problem of "colour consciousness" which plays such an important role in modern empires and in the British Commonwealth, at least, is the chief disintegrating factor.

Was there any colour discrimination in Rome? Would the Emperor Septimius Severus, or Apuleius, author of the Golden Ass, have found fame if they had been "African" or "West Indian" in the modern sense, instead of inhabitants of North Africa and Egypt? Is French Colonial policy really that of Claudius, who considered it "in the best interests of the Empire that merit, wherever it is found, should be transplanted to Rome and made our own?" One wonders too, why, if slavery was so fatal to Roman vitality, it did so little harm to Athens. This is a stimulating book for anyone. For those concerned with the "colonies" it is invaluable.

A baby submarine was sent by diplomatic post—AND AN ATOM BOMB ISN'T ANY LARGER

ENOUGH atom bombs to cripple Britain's defences could be brought into Britain without the knowledge of police, Customs, or the Secret Service. I confirmed this when I questioned the Foreign Office about the control over "diplomatic freight"—a term which covers packages sent between Governments and their diplomatic representatives abroad.

These weapons, which were midjet submarines of the type known as two-

man torpedoes, were smuggled across Europe to the Spanish port of Algeciras, near Gibraltar.

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

They were used in raids against Gibraltar harbour and sank at least six big ships.

British authorities are satisfied that the Spaniards did not know the torpedoes were being smuggled into their country. The Italians declared that the crates containing the torpedoes were filled with spare parts for repairing a scuttled Italian ship.

Their word was accepted simply because the crates bore the Italian Foreign Office seal.

Could any weapon the size of an atom bomb—which weighs four tons—really be smuggled in among us if that trust were betrayed?

A feat almost identical has already been achieved.

An official report recently released discloses that the Italians smuggled six wea-

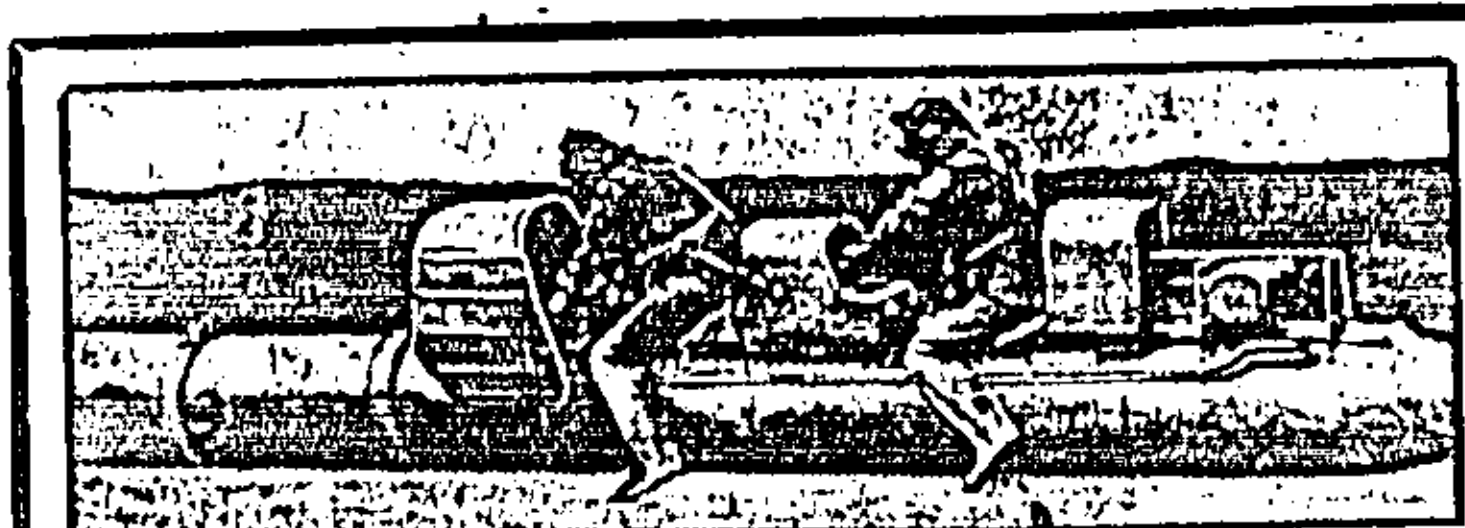
pons, each as heavy as an atomic bomb, into a foreign country under their diplomatic seal during the war.

To me all this adds up to a terrifying situation. By current international agreement there is no fixed limit to the size and weight of freight which a foreign country can bring into Britain under its diplomatic seal.

It follows that crates big enough to carry the parts of an atom bomb would automatically short-circuit the Customs, if brought in by a foreign diplomatic courier.

So if all the legal measures devised by our security authorities for examining foreign freight are carried through with 100 percent success, Britain's defensive screen will still be wide open to an atomic "Pearl Harbour" attack.

Pearl Harbour should surely have taught us what

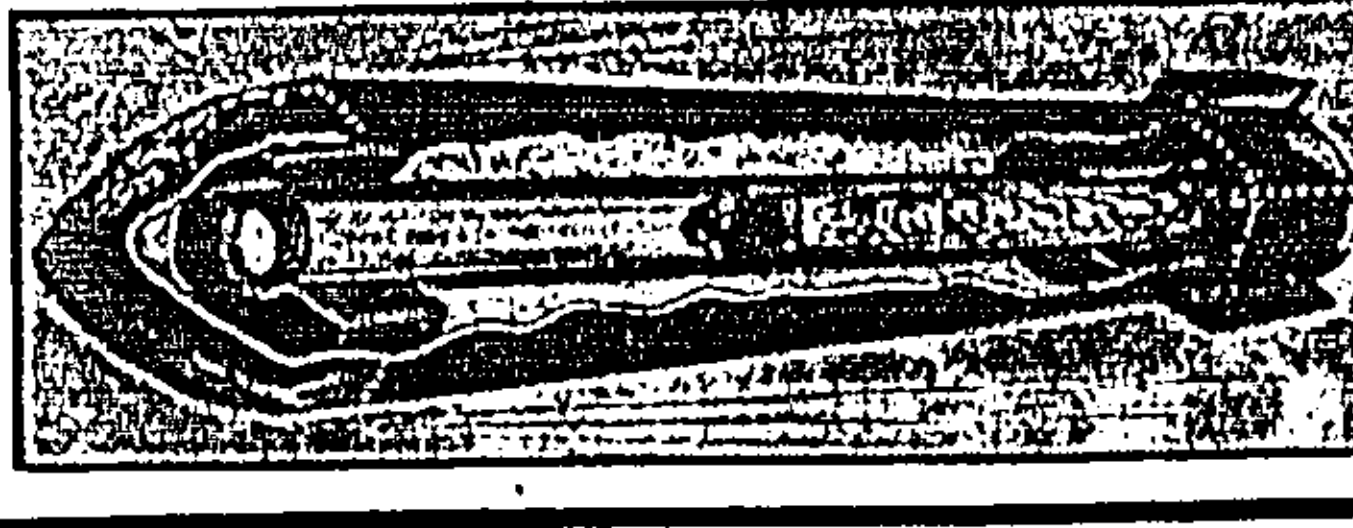


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the honour of totalitarian states is worth. Japanese diplomats, remember, were negotiating in Washington at the moment bombs started falling on helpless U.S. warships.

More precisely, we can gauge the value of Communism's diplomatic honour from the Russians' flagrant use of their embassy in Ottawa as a spy agency, as

disclosed at the Dr Alan Nunn May trial of 1946.

The only secure defence against diplomatic sabotage would be for the Foreign Office to restrict privileged imports by embassies to the proper diplomatic bags. These are kitbag-sized containers in which confidential documents are carried.

All other packages addressed to embassies should be liable to security and Customs scrutiny.

THE DANGER TO THOSE CENTURIONS

They're in action in Korea and the loss of just one would be a grave matter

THE secret of Britain's hush-hush Centurion tank—the most closely guarded post-war weapon—may be one of the enemy's most valuable spoils of war in Korea.

For the first Centurion to "brew up" in the retreat will be rushed to Moscow.

There the Red Army's General Staff will be able to analyse at leisure the merits of our finest tank.

The retreat has been the Centurion's baptism of fire. The 8th Hussars from our 29th Brigade Group are covering the United Nations withdrawal with it. Unhappily, a tank knocked out in a withdrawal nearly always falls into the enemy's hands—intact, if the crew dies with it.

Last week the Centurion was so secret that a lecturer addressing the responsible Royal United Service Institution in London could not reveal details.

Nine in Egypt

UNTIL now, outside the Royal Armoured Corps, only the Egyptians knew at first hand these details. They have nine Centurions of their



THE CENTURION: The crew can brew tea without dismounting

This much may now be told of the Centurion—

IT WEIGHS 50 tons, operationally loaded. This is ten tons more than the Churchill, 17 tons more than the Comet, but seven tons less than the wartime Joseph Stalin III.

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ITS SPEED, on roads, is 21 m.p.h. But even General Martel

British tank policy, contends that the Centurion is the best built tank in the world. Informed critics have had plenty to say about this tank.

They argue that the whole idea of a general purpose tank is obsolete. The R.A.F. does not confine itself to a single type of plane.

Two needs

WHAT we need, say the critics, is a heavy tank for close infantry support and heavy work against the successor to the Joseph Stalin.

In addition, they say, we need a second tank, faster, and with a far greater range than the Centurion—which needs a big "tail" of transporters and soft-skinned vehicles to cosset it—to fight a dashing cavalry battle right into the depths of the enemy's rear.

If the Russians do get a Centurion—and they haven't got one yet—they will at least marvel at our despatch to them of a laboratory specimen at this phase of a small-scale war.

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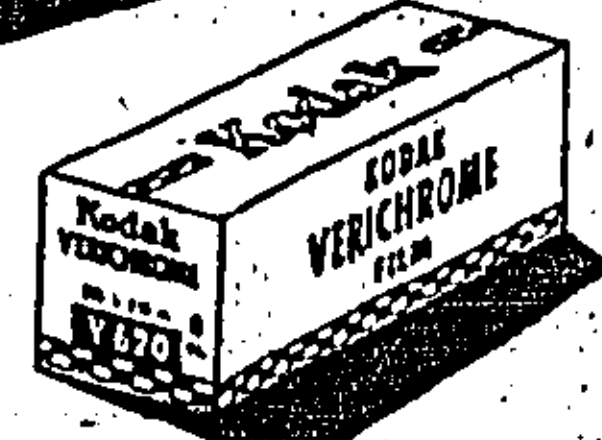
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FIVE QUESTIONS made urgent by the war news

WHAT types of atom bomb are available in America for operational use? There are large stocks of the Mark I, type used at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Surveys of the damage they did in Japan and at Bikini rate each bomb as effective as 2,000 tons of T.N.T. "blockbusters." There are also stocks of a Mark II bomb of greatly improved design and about five times as powerful.

Lower-powered atom bombs for localised use on the battlefield cannot be made.

WHAT would be the atomic bomb's value as a field weapon against troops in Korea? Very little in my view. An atomic bomb is essentially a giant incendiary. It is, therefore, suited mainly to attacks on large cities and industrial centres.

COULD atom bombs be used to create a barrier against infantry by making a strip of land dangerously radioactive? This could be accomplished only by exploding, probably

the ground. This is the most wasteful way of using atomic bombs.

A bomb detonated at 2,000ft. does the greatest damage. A bomb exploded on the ground would waste most of its energy in blasting out a huge crater.

This crater and the area immediately around it would remain dangerously radioactive to unprotected infantry for a few days. But tanks would soon be able to cross it in safety.

COULD an atomic bomb be dropped accurately on to a relatively small battlefield target? Yes, in theory. But an atom bomber has to fly at 30,000ft. to escape the blast of its own bomb. And bombs dropped from this height are often wide of the mark.

COULD field troops take any protective action against atomic bombardment? Shallow "all-trenches" would give considerable protection against blast, flash-burn, and atomic radiation.

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HKFA REJECTS \$500 CLAIM BY SPECTATOR

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As a result, Mr Gadeberg's jacket was burnt, while damage was also caused to a rug and a two-piece suit of Mrs Gadeberg.

A claim for \$500 compensation was submitted by Mr Gadeberg to the Hongkong Football Association.

Yesterday, the H.K.F.A. Council decided that the Association could not accept any responsibility and rejected the claim.

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New Zealand Unable To Invite Team From Hongkong

As arrangements have already been finalised for other soccer teams to visit New Zealand during its next soccer season, it will not be possible for the New Zealand Football Association to extend an invitation to a Hongkong team to visit that country during the same period.

This was disclosed at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council yesterday, when a letter from the New Zealand Football Association was read by Mr J. Skinner, Chairman.

The letter was the outcome of a proposal by the HKFA that since New Zealand was unable to send a team to Hongkong this season, the New Zealand Football Association might inaugurate a proposed annual affair by inviting a Hongkong team to visit New Zealand.

Mr J. C. Guimagan said that the Schools would shortly be starting a Knockout Soccer Competition and suggested that the HKFA donate a cup in memory of Mr W. Fryde, a former Chairman, who died during the Occupation while interned at Stanley.

It was unanimously decided that the Association donate a cup as suggested and that the cup be known as the "Fryde Cup."

It was also decided that owing to the small amount received from the charity match in aid of the Earl Haig Fund, the Association should itself make a donation to bring the total contribution to the Fund up to \$5,000.

COMPLAINT LODGED

A complaint, lodged by the Tramways Football Club against the playing by Eastern of three ineligible players in the Junior Division Challenge Shield match against Tramways on December 10, was considered.

The match ended in a win for Eastern by four goals to one. Mr Sze Po-wai of Eastern said that the Secretary of his Club

had, through an oversight, inadvertently omitted to apply to the HKFA for reinstatement of the three players. In question, who were Senior players, to the Junior Division.

Mr Sze said that his Club was prepared to give the game to Tramways instead of replaying, but Mr Guimagan said Tramways would not agree to this course.

The meeting then decided that the match be replayed on December 26, on the Navy ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

An application that permission be granted for a game to be played between Army referees and Civilian referees as a curtain-raiser to the Governor's Cup match on New Year's Day was rejected. It was suggested that this match be played on a Sunday morning instead.

GOVERNOR'S CUP

The meeting decided that the task of selecting the HKFA XI to meet the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation team in the second game of the Governor's Cup Competition on January 1 be left to the League Management Committee, which will meet tomorrow.

The League Management Committee was also authorised to arrange the ground and select a team to represent the HKFA should a third game in this competition be necessary.

An application by Mr Lee Wal-tong for an increase in the number of complimentary tickets allotted to the CNAAF was granted, and it was decided that 150 seats in the centre portion of the covered stand be reserved for use by holders of complimentary tickets.

In connection with the report which the HKFA had asked the CNAAF to render concerning the tour of a Chinese soccer team in Singapore for the "Go Ho" Cup games, Mr Lee Wal-tong, speaking on behalf of the CNAAF, said that he had been informed that certain accounts had been placed in the hands of solicitors. The CNAAF was still waiting for clarification of the figures from Singapore.

The draw for the Second Round of the Challenge Shield Competition resulted as follows:

Senior:—Eastern v RAF; S. China v Kit Chee; KMB v CAA; Club v Army.

Junior:—Royal Navy v CAA; Taikoo v S. China v KMB; Police v Eastern or Tramways; Kit Chee v Kwong Wah.

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"Never mind, dear" says his wife, "Perhaps the Labour Government will abolish golf."

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On the golfing front, the passing of 28 years has not altered a situation which is only too familiar today. Nor is the unplayable golf ball alone among the troubles of '24 in striking a chord.

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The Sports Roundabout

By W. Capel Kirby And David Jack

Special training time ahead. At least, that's the usual Soccer outlook with Cup-ties around.

Club directors thinking along those lines might have had second thoughts if they could have heard Southend United full back Frank Walton after his club's Mayo.

"Special training does more harm than good," says Frank. "More food, less sleep and sheer boredom resulted from our week's stay at a luxury hotel."

Majority of footballers still feel that the best way of training for football is with a football. The Southend lads hardly saw a ball other than when they played head-to-head in the fog after last Saturday's game had been scrubbed out.

Attempts by the home countries to bring about a united Ireland for International Soccer are being blocked by the Sunday play problem on which neither Northern Ireland nor Eire are likely to give way.

"They may be a London club but I'll wager they've as much Northern talent as most." Remark about Arsenal prompted our Highbury check-up which showed that only two half from Lancashire. Odd men out are centre half Bill Healey, from Chorley, who, says Tom Whitaker, is "going places," and Norman Smith, ex-rear gunner from Darwin. Norman, incidentally, has one cartilage left out of four.

If Lancaster Gate supports a Barnsley proposal that professional players could become referees without going through the usual minor football channels, apart from passing the exam, look out for fireworks.

We're told the Referees' Association would guard its interests zealously, which means they would tell football folk where they could go for their minor referees and linemen.

Three of Cardiff City's most successful forwards, Wilf Grant, Roy Williams and Doug Blair, were nearly lost to the club a few weeks ago. Williams was going on loan to Torquay, a small fee would have secured Grant, while Blair refused to move when a big offer was made for his transfer.

Mrs Grundy is busy in the swimming world. Stricter supervision of women's costumes is planned and a recommendation is likely to come before the A.S.A. that the costume leg be extended straight across the thigh and not cut away. Why not make them swim in track suits?

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ARE THE BIG THREE FOR THE CUPBut Arsenal May
Work The Double
Says PETER DITTON

With the draw for the third round of the FA Cup last week, the trek to Wembley has begun in earnest. All the First and Second Division giants are now concerned and they will do battle alongside the minnows who have survived the preliminary rounds of the competition, together with those Third Division clubs who have safely negotiated rounds one and two.

In these days the successful finalists can usually be found in the First Division. Occasionally, as two years ago when Leicester reached the Final, a Second Division side does cause a surprise.

But more often than not the superiority of the higher class clubs is such that unless they are prevented by the draw from playing against Second Division sides they usually have the Final, and quite frequently the semi-final, all to themselves.

With the promotion last season of Tottenham Hotspur to the First Division there is not one club in the Second Division that I would back to reach Wembley in April.

Last year I gave a short list of three teams, Arsenal, Derby and Manchester United, making Arsenal a number one bet for the Final. They were successful and this year will be endeavouring to emulate the feat of Blackburn Rovers who in seasons 1899-90 and 1890-91 won the cup twice.

NOT TOO SLIGHT

Arsenal's chances of performing this elusive "double" are not by any means as slight as some people might imagine. They have, in my opinion, a much more effective forward line this season than they had last. The defence might not be quite so rock-like but it is still one of the best in the League

Soccer Team
Arrives
By Parachute

Bangalore. Twenty-five thousand football fans watched a whole soccer team dropped by parachute from a plane right onto the Olympic stadium ground here. The team, the Indian Air Force Operational Command, had a drawn match against a police team.—Reuter.

Parkhouse
To Replace
McIntyre?

Sydney, Dec. 19. Improved form by Gilbert Parkhouse, the 25-year-old Glamorgan batsman, in the MCC's drawn match with an Australian XI here is almost certain to win him a place in England's team for the second Test.

His inclusion at the expense of Surrey's Arthur McIntyre is expected to be the only change from the side which lost to Australia in the rain-affected Brisbane match.

It was largely due to the fine display of pluck and character by Parkhouse and John Dewes that the MCC warded off the danger of defeat which at one time looked imminent.

When the Welshman joined Dewes with two second innings wickets down for 22 runs, the MCC were 183 runs behind with just over three and a half hours left for play.

The pitch was taking a considerable amount of spin and Compton was the only reliable batsman left in the team and even he was suffering from the handicap of his painful knee.

Dewes was determined on a policy of safety first and not until a draw was certain did he attempt anything in the nature of a forcing stroke.

He batted a tight one to the end, having given out during a stand of nearly four hours.—Reuter.

TOMMY HENRICH
RETIRE

New York, Dec. 19. Tommy Henrich, a member of the New York Yankees since 1937, and one of the baseball's most feared batsmen, decided to quit the game yesterday rather than play with an injured knee. He accepted a job on the Yankees coaching staff.

The knee, injured in the spring training season, had been so bad that he had to make a quick

and this possible weakness when compared with the cup-winning team is more than compensated for by the increase in goal-scoring by the forwards.

Yet it is wise to remember that better sides than this present Arsenal combination have failed to win the Cup two years in succession. And while I feel that Arsenal are more likely than most teams to defeat the "bogey" which hangs over the Cup-holders, I cannot really see them retaining the Trophy on this occasion.

Neither do I expect to see the other finalists of last year, Liverpool, represented at Wembley.

Instead, I make as my big three for the 1951 Cup Final: Tottenham Hotspur, Sunderland and Newcastle.

These three clubs all have great goal-scoring potential. Newcastle and Tottenham also have very good defences. The Sunderland rearguard is slightly suspect. The backs are perhaps inclined to play a little too square and the wing-halves occasionally forget that defence is just as much a part of their job as attack.

Arsenal's defence may have carried them to Wembley last year but it was the attack that won the Cup. Similarly, in the previous four post-war seasons it has been the team with the best attack that has been successful.

First, there was the Doherty-Carter combination which made Derby County the most attractive team in the country to watch. Charlton had their match-winners in Welsh and Duffy.

Manchester United went to Wembley with four international forwards and a potential international in outside-left Mitten. And two seasons ago Wolverhampton also fielded four international forwards with another potential fifth in inside-left Dunn.

Every Cup-winning team needs a little bit of luck. If the ball runs kindly for them Tottenham Hotspur may achieve a notable "double" by winning promotion and the Cup in successive seasons.

(London Express Service)

Arsenal Have A
Double Gift
Says IVAN SHARPE

It's a hardy annual, I know, to suggest that this or that Club may achieve the double event by winning Cup and League, a feat which has defeated all challengers since Aston Villa's performance in the less competitive days of 1897.

It is also the fashion, because of that long interval, to assume that double days are over.

But how near were Portsmouth only two seasons back, when they won the League Championship yet fell so unexpectedly to Leicester City in the Cup semi-final.

Between and between, Huddersfield Town in 1928 fell between two stools, and there have been other near things, including the year (1913) when the Villa, Cup winners, and Sunderland, League champions, were winners or runners-up in each competition.

It is full early in the season to be pointing to such possibilities but, too-fa-fa-fa, I smell the blood the Arsenal tasted last April at Wembley.

They have been moving with such confidence and purpose, and with such improvement in attack, that they must be marked as every bit as dangerous for the double honour this season as Portsmouth were in 1949.

I know this may not please the good people of Tottenham, Newcastle and elsewhere but, in the long-drawn struggles of today, style and dash count less than power and steadiness; and these gifts the Arsenal possess. For instance, at centre-half

ON THE RECORD
Winning Friends And
Influencing People

One of those innumerable visitors who wander into a newspaper office came in yesterday afternoon and was directed to our department. "I'm really glad to meet you!" he said. "I have a wonderful story. It's the funniest thing you have heard in years. It happened in Brisbane some years ago. The wicket was really sticky. One of the batsmen hit the ball and it sank into the ground. While everybody was trying to extricate the ball they ran nine."

Now, that's a new one. At the Diocesan Boys' School in the old days before the war, a lot of pedagogues settled there and made the ground look more attractive there used to be a clump of bushes that was about two-thirds of the way to the boundary and the idea was to hit the ball there.

There were bits of rosebush in the business and fieldsmen approached the job of running out the batsmen in a gingerly enough manner to allow six or seven runs, sometimes eight.

At one stage someone suggested that small boys, given the honorary role of 13th, 14th and 15th Men, should do that job. The idea was rightly frowned upon, the best batsmen being also rather heavy individuals and well able to carry the vote.

Outside of that we remember witnessing Cpl. Hart, of the Royal Marines, in First Division League match at the Navy ground, King's Park, clouting the ball out to the far corner of the field and running six.

The man at the other end wasn't a sprinter in the same class and he ran four. The umpire, thinking that it was already quite evident to the scorers that four had been run, thought it unnecessary to signal. The scorers had an argument on the point and settled down for six plus four divided by two. It was a Solomonian decision.

The Brisbane story was a curious one. We asked for more facts. "Well," said our visitor, "the man who hit the ball was Jack Train and at the other end of the wicket was a man named Lannigan. I'm not sure that Lannigan didn't step on the ball while running a short one. Anyway, the ball disappeared."

"It's an unusual story," we agreed, "but there doesn't seem to be much point in running it here. Have Jack Train or Lannigan ever been to Hongkong?" "No," he said. "But I think I can still send Jack a clipping. Last I heard of him was in New Guinea in 1944. Nothing will ever kill him. I still remember his old address if he hasn't moved from there."

"Thanks a lot anyway for letting us know," we told him. "You mentioned our football name, too. I wish I could remember it. He was a bit of a stinker!"

We promised our visitor that we would run his story. He was

really pleased. "I know you can do justice by it," he said. "You have just about the exact amount of acid in your pen."

A rather shocking statement and completely unfounded. The only time we ever use a pen is in signing cheques and receipts. Normally we use a typewriter and we are lost without it. Take away all typewriters and we can't work. Dip acid on to type-written keys and we have a messed-up typewriter (or a typewriter). It's an accusation that can't hold water.

"But you have that acid somewhere," he said. "You seem to be following a policy of running people down." That was shocking again. We explained carefully. There's only one policy we follow. That is to encourage the underdog until such time as he stops being one and to ignore the topdogs as much as we can. If the topdogs gets under, we will support him again. If the underdog insists on lying down, we will tie a can to his tail. None of that let sleeping dogs lie business.

It's the easiest thing in the world spreading jam all over the show. Here are a few possibilities:

In the match between the Pressists and Recreals at King's Park yesterday, J. L. Silch, son of that noted Minor Counties cricketer, T. L. Silch, and cousin of L. St. J. Silch, who once played for Bulldogs XI against the Navy at Lord's, scored a magnificent four off Gosano. He was rather unfortunate to be caught out next ball. The catch should never have been held.

"The Tallpinnies were rather unfortunate to lose 7-0 to the Police at Boundary Street yesterday. The absence of an artist like Covarrubias on their right wing rather loaded the attack. The centre-half had an attack of cramps halfway through the match. At least four of the goals were doubtful. The Police played an excellent game, but were fortunate to have had as much of the play. The umpires did an excellent job but we would suggest that the presence of two linesmen, whose main duty would be to enforce the offside rule, would make hockey a still more enjoyable game.

"Though Mary Brown beat Ellen Smith by a score of 6-0, 6-0 in the first round of the Women's Singles yesterday, it was far from being a one-sided match. Actually, Miss Smith had most of the play, a tremendous overhead smash was ches out each time and had been on form the score could have very well been reversed. She had fine anticipation and a slight overspin in her full-bodied cross court drive would again and again touch the wrong edge of the racquet....

Of game foreign to our football, it was to be anticipated that their tactics would upset the Colony XI and the fact that we did not go down by a larger margin speaks well for the adaptability of our players to an attack that was never really foreful but was just that tiny fraction too fast....

It is rather a fortunate fact that the cream of our schools' cricket is concentrated in just two schools rather than being spread over a half-dozen as it used to be before the war. It makes the selection of a Combined Schools side so much easier.

"There, at the other side of the hole in the fence, there was no more, sat the guardian of the Club's stock of dried shrimps, by name Marilla, a magnificent specimen of a cat. "Why can't you use the members' entrance like I do," she purred....

"Again and again the panting schoolgirls came back to the attack, sweat-soaked and on their last legs, praying for that final whistle that would put them out of their misery." Then, curiously, the ball got deflected to the left wing and little Shirley Reid, who was never in the picture, somehow got her stick in the way and the ball was deflected into the net. Mother Reid, on the sidelines, never uttered a word. The Recreals girls cheerfully waved their sticks and nodded in the direction of the exhausted children. "Good luck kids, you've won," they said....

"The sight of 10 white-and-red clad Victorians tramping easily out of a long corner couldn't put the wind up a sparrow. They all tripped daintily around a dormouse that had somehow got lost on the field and then managed to get a body to their opponent's goal. "Sorry!" one of them said as the fourth goal was scored. This columnist felt safe as houses....

This type of material, we feel, would bore most readers past the "Little Women" and "Dick Goes To The Circus" stage. We are now in the age of "Dangerous Women" and "Atomic Combs".

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s.s. "CORFU"	19th January	10th February
s.s. "CANTON"	10th February	20th March
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ARRIVALS	SAILINGS	
"VAN HEUTZ" 22nd Dec.	21st Dec.	
"NIEUW HOLLAND" 22nd Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TJISADANE" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TASMAN" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TITJALENGKA" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
* Only to Singapore, Penang & B. Dell.		
MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA		
ARRIVALS	SAILINGS	
"RUYS" 22nd Dec.	21st Dec.	
"BOISSEVAIN" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TJIPANAS" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TJIBADAK" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
JAPAN		
ARRIVALS	SAILINGS	
"RUYS" 22nd Dec.	21st Dec.	
"TJIPANAS" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"BOISSEVAIN" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	

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ARRIVALS	SAILINGS	
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"MARIEKERK" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"MELISKERK" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European Ports.		
* not calling at Manila		
JAPAN		
ARRIVALS	SAILINGS	
"LANGLESCOT" 22nd Dec.	21st Dec.	
"MARIEKERK" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	
"MELISKERK" 24th Dec.	21st Dec.	

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Cotton Price On Stronger Ground

New York, Dec. 19. Cotton futures rallied after a strong start but still managed to close in higher ground for the 10th day in a row. The market took on more of a two-sided appearance in late afternoon. New crop positions maintained a strong undertone after entering new seasonal highs. Increased technical realising and hedge selling sharply reduced the margin of gain in old crop months. The reasoning among market experts was that the intra-month price differential may continue to level off, anticipating eventual possible price ceiling regulations. Nearby March delivery hit a height of 43.34. On the reaction, traders recalled the recent discussion indicating that if any ceiling price action is decided it might be around 41 cents a pound, since that is about the average price received by farmers for marketings during the mid-November period. Earlier the market showed some strength based on lessening fears of immediate price ceiling action. The Census Bureau's report on November consumption was a bullish surprise. The market closed up one to 50 points. Prices closed today as follows:—
Spot 43.00
March (1951) 43.00-43.08
May 42.62
July 42.60
October 42.20
December 39.32
March (1952) 39.74
nominal 39.40
NEW ORLEANS MARKET
Closing rate Dec. 19.
Spot 42.50
March (1951) 42.50-42.58
May 42.40
July 42.00-42.08
October 39.20
December 38.99
March (1952) 38.60 bid
38.44 bid
United Press.

Offers Of Copra
New York, Dec. 19. Sellers offered copra for near-shipment at \$225 per ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast, up \$5. Buyers were indifferent. In coconut oil, nearby shipment was offered at 17 1/2 cent a pound, F.O.B. mills.—United Press.

New York Metals
New York, Dec. 19. Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—
Tin, grade A 109.80 per cent or higher New York, per lb. 147
United Press.

Price Control Warning To American Business

Washington, Dec. 19. Price Chief Michael Disalle told business and industry today to roll back prices voluntarily to the Dec. 1 levels and in some cases to pre-Korean war levels or face mandatory controls. Mr Disalle said that in general price increases above the Dec. 1 levels will not be permitted to a manufacturer whose net profits before taxes are equal to or above his average profits in the 1946-49 period.

In distribution trade, both wholesale and retail, the gross margins—mark-up above cost—may not be increased above the June, 1950, levels if the distributor's net profit before taxes is equal to or bigger than his 1946-49 average.

Mr Disalle set these general ceilings as "fair standards" on which he will try to maintain the voluntary price control system over most of the United States economy as long as possible.

He warned that mandatory controls will be imposed wherever violations of voluntary ceilings make such action necessary.

The co-operation of business and industry will largely determine the future need for forced control.

While these standards are appropriate at this time, more severe standards may be necessary later.

The Economic Stabilisation Agency which draw up standards served notice that any official compulsory controls hereafter imposed will be calculated on the base period ending not later than Dec. 1.

No seller will be permitted any advantage under the regulations from price increases made after that date. Prices of certain basic materials which increased between June 24 and Dec. 1 will be rolled back in accordance with the new "fair standards," after which it is necessary to maintain the Dec. 1 price levels in products made from those materials.—United Press.

TRUMAN STATEMENT
Washington, Dec. 19. President Truman said today that the Government will force General Motors to abide by the orders freezing the prices of its 1951 automobiles.

The Economic Stabilisation Board, he added, will tell General Motors to wipe out the recently announced increases of the prices for the 1951 models.

Automobile workers will meet with Government officials on Wednesday to discuss wage-price relations.

The original order to cut back prices to the March 1 level was met by General Motors with a stoppage of sales for 1951 models of Chevrolets, Pontiacs and Cadillacs.

Asked whether the Government planned to force automobile companies to sell their cars, Mr Truman said he would cross that bridge when he came to it.

The law specifies that the Government cannot compel anyone to sell anything.—United Press.

PROPOSAL REJECTED
Washington, Dec. 19. The Economic Stabilisation Agency today rejected the General Motors proposal to end its freeze on the sale of 1951 automobiles if the Government allows them to reinstate price increases.

A spokesman for the ESA said the Agency's order to the automobile industry to roll back prices on 1951 models to the December 1st levels stands. He asked, "Who is dictating the price control of our economy—the General Motors or this Agency?"

In making the proposal General Motors said it would be willing to make rebates to dealers and customers on the cars if an examination proves that the price increases were not justified.—United Press.

OUT IN TIN USE
Washington, Dec. 19. The Government today ordered a 20 percent cut in civilian use of tin, effective Feb. 1.

The regulation, issued by the National Production Authority, will affect the production of tin cans, toothpaste and shaving cream tubes, jar and bottle lids and other closures, and a variety of other items including costume jewellery.

However, industry will be free to use substitutes, thinner

coatings of tin and other devices which will stretch the supply.—Associated Press.

FORD'S COMMENTED
Washington, Dec. 19. The Economic Stabilisation Agency (ESA) commented the Ford Motor Company today for compliance with the auto price freeze. It pledged that Ford and other firms will be covered by any relief granted General Motors Corporation.

ESA Administrator Alan Valentine announced that Ford has advised ESA it has rescinded its announced price boosts and will refund to dealers the increased charges on cars still in their hands.

"We wish to commend your example in meeting your responsibilities to the country in this emergency by prompt and patriotic compliance," Mr Valentine wired the Ford Motor Company.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET
The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$47,725. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:—
SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
BANKS 1275 10 @ 1250
INDUSTRIALS 610 640
DOCKS, ETC. 90
LAND, ETC. 12 1/2
UTILITIES 13 500 @ 6 1/4
ELECTRIC 25 1/2
INDUSTRIALS 13 1/2
STORES, ETC. 1000 @ 12
Watson 900 @ 20
Lane Crawford 200 @ 21

A Quiet Day In London
London, Dec. 19. The Stock Exchange droned through a quiet session today with business restricted by the approach of the Christmas holiday.

Government issues were irregular. Industrials were generally maintained. Mining shares were inclined to drift lower. Japanese bonds continued on an uncertain market with further falls of up to two shillings.

Five per cent South Manchurian fell that amount to 33. Financial Times Index: 115.2.—Associated Press.

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S.S. "WINGANG"	Keelung	4th Dec.
S.S. "HANGSANG"	Sandakan	20th Dec.
S.S. "TAKSANG"	Straita & Calcutta	30th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM		
S.S. "HEWSANG"	Japan	P.M. 20th Dec.
S.S. "TAKRANG"	Tientsin	20th Dec.
S.S. "ESANG"	Calcutta & Singapore	31st Dec.

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m.v. "GLENEARN"
Leads 8th January, Sails 8th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam/Antwerp, Hamburg. Due London 14th February.

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SCHEDULED ARRIVALS FROM LONDON		
m.v. "GLENGARRY"	Leave London	Due H.K. 25th Dec.
m.v. "RADNORSHIRE"	Sailed	10th Jan.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
m.v. "PEMBROKESHIRE" Sailed 20th Jan.
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"CALIFORNIA SEAB"	San Francisco	Jan. 4	Jan. 6	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"THEATINE SEAB"	San Francisco	Jan. 13	Jan. 15	Djakarta, Djakarta, Colombo, Ceylon, Karachi & Bombay

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